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RUSSIAN ARMY HOLDING FIRM In North And East Of Minsk

Bombs on Prisoner Camp

It was authoritatively stated in Jerusalem yesterday that enemy aircraft raided a war prisoners camp somewhere in Palestine on Tuesday night, dropping bombs on German and Italian prisoners quartered there.

Twelve prisoners were injured in the German officers' section, some seriously, and the section containing Italian other ranks was also hit, but no casualties are as yet reported.

The camp was brilliantly floodlit and its location had been notified to the Spanish consular authority in charge of German and Italian interests.—Reuter.

Germans Still Making Big Claims

Russian Warning

Moscow radio last evening gave an urgent warning to the Soviet people against the spreading of rumours likely to undermine the nation's morale.

THE ANNOUNCER RECALLED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FALL OF PARIS AND SAID: "FANTASTIC RUMOURS OF IMAGINARY GERMAN VICTORIES WERE SPREAD AND DECISIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FRENCH COLLAPSE." —REUTER.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A DETERMINED GERMAN-FINNISH DRIVE IS BEING PUSHED DOWN THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS 75 MILES FROM LENINGRAD BUT THE RED ARMIES ARE HOLDING FIRM BEFORE MURMANSK, IN THE ARCTIC, KEXHOLM, ON THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, AND EAST OF MINSK.

A communique issued from Stalin's headquarters finally confirms the evacuation of Lwow.

It says: "In the direction of Murmansk our troops by fierce fighting are stemming the advance of numerically superior enemy forces.

"In the direction of Kexholm, on the western shore of Lake Ladoga, enemy offensives were launched at several points. Vigorous counter-attacks by our troops repulsed the enemy and inflicted heavy losses.

"Our troops are retreating according to plan and, in accordance with orders, have left Lwow.

"Fifty-six German planes were shot down against 17 of ours. In one day alone the Germans lost 50 tanks.

"All attempts by Rumanian and German troops to penetrate Bessarabian territory were broken up."

Russians Close Gaps

Stressing the violence of the fighting on the Russian front, the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper, "Nationale Zeitung," says that the Russians at many points are fiercely engaging and causing heavy losses to the German forces advancing to support the motorised troops which have pierced the Russian lines in the Minsk sector.

FOREIGN MILITARY CIRCLES IN BERLIN, HE STATES, ARE WONDERING WHETHER SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS HAVE NOT DISCOVERED A NEW TACTICAL METHOD OF DEALING WITH THE GERMAN ADVANCE.

Berlin Claims

In Berlin, it was stated that simultaneously with the capture of Riga (Latvia) and Luck (Poland), other great blitz columns are ripping the Red lines before Smolensk and Kiev.

Another offensive, it is claimed, carried the Germans east of the River Dvina.

A special Nazi communique, claiming the destruction of 322 Red warplanes in one day, says the Luftwaffe destroyed the Red lines of retreat, smashing troop and rail columns.

The Nazi entry into Riga followed two days of heavy fighting.

Nazi Optimism

Far behind the lines in three gigantic pockets, forming a three-

Vichy Tanks Smashed

About two-thirds of the Vichy tanks which took part in an unsuccessful counter-attack at Nebek were destroyed by Allied tanks and anti-tank guns.

The position recaptured by the Allies at Palmyra lies north of the oasis.

Newly-arrived British reinforcements aided the operation.

There is no sign of a Vichy attempt to relieve the enemy beleaguered in Palmyra.—Reuter.

BOMBAY RETURNS TO NORMAL

After 36 hours of interruption due to torrential rains, telegraph communication between Bombay and other parts of India has been restored, says Reuter.

RUSSIAN HARVEST

The reaping of the harvest is proceeding very well in Czernovitz and Bukovina, it was stated on Moscow radio yesterday, says Reuter.

EIGHTEEN HUNS SHOT DOWN IN DAYLIGHT SWEEP

STRONG FIGHTER forces of the R.A.F. accompanied Blenheim bombers which yesterday afternoon attacked the enemy aerodrome at Merville, near Lille, where bombs were dropped on the runway, aerodrome buildings and among dispersed aircraft.

A railway junction south-east of Lille was also bombed.

LYTTTELTON H.Q. IN CAIRO

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton's headquarters will be in Cairo, Reuter's lobby correspondent understands.

Insofar as his civil work will include the dissemination of information and other political activities from the British side, those activities will be carefully designed not to touch Egyptian domestic affairs or the normal relations of Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador, with the Egyptian Government.

Cairo has been chosen as an obviously convenient centre for Mr. Lyttelton's work which at no time will be allowed to overstep the line of Egypt's position as a sovereign State.—Reuter.

These attacks were pressed home in spite of heavy opposition from the ground defences and a large number of enemy fighters which attempted to interfere in the operations.

THESE WERE BEATEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSSES. SO FAR 17 ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. R.A.F. BOMBERS ACCOUNTING FOR TWO OF THESE.

The American Eagle Squadron is credited with three of these enemy fighters shot down.

Two R.A.F. bombers and seven fighters are reported missing.

Latest Figures

Giving further details of the sweep, a later Air Ministry communique says: 18 enemy fighters were destroyed—10 by fighters and two by bombers.

The R.A.F. lost two bombers and eight fighters.

R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over Northern France last evening without incident.—Reuter.



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TOUGHNESS OF CHINA

No Wavering In Chungking

DECISION THIS YEAR FORECAST

"The stakes at issue are the greatest of all time," declared Mr. Richard Casey, Australian Minister to the United States, in a speech to the Institute of Public Affairs at Charlottesville (Va) yesterday.

"They are no less than the future of the world," he added.

"THE WAR WILL NOT END IN 1941 BUT THE ISSUE WILL BE SILENTLY AND FATEFULLY DECIDED IN 1941."

"We in Australia are in no doubt as to what this is about. We all know that if Democracy loses the war we will lose our political and economic freedom and that it is unnecessary for us to be invaded for this to come about."

"This is no more Britain's war than it is Greece's, Norway's and Brazil's war—or yours (the United States)."

"Make no mistake about it, we Australians did not go into the war because of some European dispute. We went in because we realised that if every one of us did not stand by Britain, the writing was on the wall for Democracy and for our way of life and for us."—Reuter.

"Peace Party" Position

UNDER THE TITLE "THE TOUGHNESS OF CHINA," "THE TIMES" PUBLISHES FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA A LENGTHY MESSAGE, FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT.

"Although the Chinese were unable to conceal their dismay when the Matsuo pact with Russia was announced, General Chiang Kai-shek himself never wavered."

"Since the outbreak of the war in China his attitude has been that of Mr. Churchill after the fall of France, 'we will fight if necessary for years, if necessary alone.'"

"Nor did any of his supporters really misjudge the future. There was a general feeling in Chungking that China, if not betrayed, had been badly served."

"Unable to believe, however, that Russia would withdraw her active support, the Chinese felt the blow was moral rather than material."

"Peace Party"

"Chief moral effect for which observers waited was the reaction of the 'peace party' in Chungking."

"The peace party, small in numbers but never quite dormant, is not a party in the usual sense. It has no avowed leader and no cohesion."

"The term has come to include those elements inside and outside the Government, many of

them unknown to each other, who are weary of the hostilities. Their aim is to go home — back to the great cities of the coast."

BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH AXIS PROCLAIMED

DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued the following statement last night, announcing China's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy.

Recognition of the puppet regime in Nanking by the German and Italian Governments amounts to an extension of their aggressive policy to the Far East and proves beyond doubt that these countries have unreservedly cast their lot with China's enemy.

"Knowing as they do that the Nanking puppet regime is but a creature of the Japanese militarists, the Nazi Government of Germany and the Fascist Government of Italy in according recognition thereto have committed a gross injustice to China and have thereby forfeited any claim to friendship of the Chinese Government and people."

"The step thus taken by these Axis Powers has made it abundantly clear that the forces of aggression have been further consolidated into one bloc bent on the destruction of human freedom and civilisation."

China Proud

"It is, however, gratifying to note that these evil forces are being heroically and resolutely opposed and resisted by a group of Powers which, having steadily increased in number and in strength are drawn even closer by their love of peace and freedom in the face of a common menace."

"China is proud of her record and role in this anti-aggression crusade. Despite unprecedented difficulties, China has consistently observed good faith in all her international dealings. China is determined to continue the struggle in close cooperation with her friends till our common cause is vindicated."

"In pursuance of the official declaration, repeatedly made on previous occasions, the Chinese Government now declares that China's diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy are hereby severed."—Central News.

Latest American fad is Wackeroo, plaster freak designed for angry people to smash. "Take it out on the Wackeroo," says its label. "When you are mad and feel like busting things, grab him quick and smash him to bits against the wall. Then relax." Wackeroo is comic head with pair of hands. Costs 2s. Smashes noisily. Ex-champagne salesman John Molville had the idea; Sculptress-Frances Ferrer worked it out.

RAID ON CYPRUS

No damage or casualties are yet reported from a raid by eight enemy planes over the western part of Cyprus yesterday morning.

Bombs were dropped over the Pahpos district.—Reuter.

HAINING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

THE WAR OFFICE YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL SIR ROBERT HAINING HAS BEEN APPOINTED IN-TENDANT-GENERAL, MIDDLE EAST.

It is understood the appointment was made because it was felt that a very senior officer was required in the Middle East to deal with complicated administrative problems which are bound to arise.

The appointment takes effect from May 19.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW BOMBS AMAZING

When you read that Britain's new "beautiful" bombs "sent whole buildings into the air," you are reading nothing but the truth.

A heavy bomber pilot, who has dropped them and seen the result, gave his word for it.

When he dropped the first one he was "so amazed I circled round to watch, got caught in searchlights, and was nearly shot down."

He was Flight-Lieut. Harvey, speaking at the opening of Eastbourne War Weapons Week, where he represented the R.A.F.

MANY JEWS SEIZED IN FRANCE UNDER PARIS AND VICHY ORDERS

REPORTS RECEIVED in Vichy from Paris said that 5,000 foreign Jews were arrested in the Capital of the Occupied Zone and sent to concentration camps.

"ONLY BRITISH CAN SAVE US"

The occupation of Italy by the Germans is proceeding fast, and is very unpopular.

A comment heard from people in various walks of life is: "Only the British or an act of God, can save us."

The Germans have their military headquarters in a Rome hotel which was a favourite resort of British and American tourists in the days of peace.

Food in Rome is dear, but only the really poor are beginning to feel the shortage.

VERBOTEN

Ink, tooth-paste, lighters and cigarette papers are included in a list of articles forbidden to prisoners of war at the Ofag Camp.

The list also includes money, civil clothes, penknives, big scissors, tools, fuel, fountain-pens, tubes of vasoline, cosmetics and foreign papers.

Military clothes, shoes, victuals, tobacco, pipes, chewing gum, toilet articles and books can be sent.

Informed quarters said the Jews, described as able-bodied men, between 17 and 40 years old of Polish, Czech, and Austrian origin, were aroused at 3 a.m. in the morning and moved to assembly centres. Members of their families were sent back to get luggage, including bedding, toilet articles, and food for 24 hours.

The Jews then were loaded into five trains after a medical examination and taken to Lorjant, where they were distributed to three concentration camps in the region.

Authorities said they would be used in work on public projects.

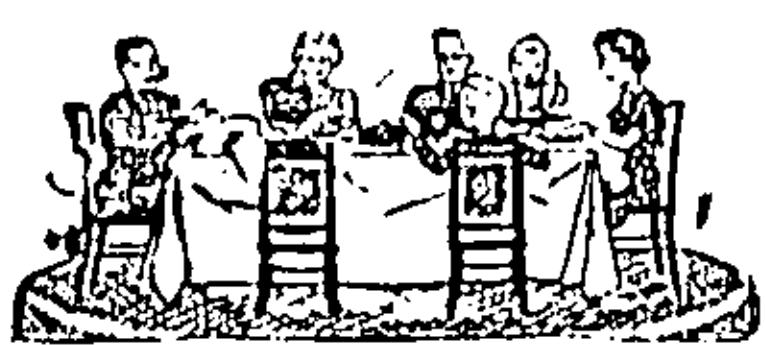
According to the report published in Paris, authorities said, the measures were taken "in accordance with the law, October 4, 1940."

This law could not be found in collections of statutes in Vichy. A law of October 3 fixed the status of Jews but said nothing permitting them to be interned in labour camps.

Another law of that period permitted such action against destitute, able-bodied foreign men, but did not discriminate against Jews.

Another report said 800 out of 1,000 foreign physicians, whose cases had been examined, were forbidden to continue practice. There are about 4,000 practicing foreign doctors in France.

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Pressure For Decision One Way Or Another

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S HOPE THAT AMERICA CAN STAY OUT OF THE WAR, EXPRESSED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, SUPPLIED THE BACKGROUND OF SECRETARY OF NAVY KNOX'S PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN THE LIGHT OF HIS RECENT URGENT APPEAL FOR ACTION.

At his press conference yesterday Col. Knox stated emphatically that no United States vessels on Atlantic patrols had been used for convoy purposes nor had any become involved in combat, and there had been no loss of life, crew or loss of equipment.

Questioned about the Congress criticism of his demand that America should sweep the Nazi menace from the Atlantic, Col. Knox refused to add anything further but admitted he certainly held to what he had said.

THE MORE RESPONSIBLE EDITORIAL WRITERS ARE WORRIED AND SAY SO FRANKLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION.

Arthur Krock, veteran Washington correspondent of the "New York Times," says that on the surface a member of the President's Cabinet is publicly advocating a policy contrary to his chief's calling for war, which the President hopes to avert.

"This," says Krock, "is criticism to the point of insubordination."

The Answer

Krock adds, however, that Col. Knox enjoys both the confidence and trust of the President and says the only answer to why Col. Knox continues to point out that the President's hesitation is at the peril of the national security, is that the President himself has okayed this action of Col. Knox in the hope that the discussion which was bound to arise would put the nation, which at present is divided, behind an eventual decision.

In other words, says Krock, this is a series of scouting expeditions into the public mind and points out incidentally that President Roosevelt has done nothing to implement his promise that the goods must and will be delivered to Britain.

More—On Less

"Give us facts," says the "Baltimore Sun," adding that members of the Cabinet should either say less or more than Col. Knox had done.

The "Sun" continues with a plea to go ahead firmly and vigorously in execution of a policy on which America acts openly—Britain is an ally as well as a friend, rather return to isolation, although not wanted by the people, than to falter.

An overwhelming majority have decided on full effective aid to Britain and production must be followed by delivery, and if delivery is not being made, then the people must be told so and told the necessary remedies.

Harbinger Of Action?

Let the American people know, says the "Sun," what they need to know for their protection, and let them have leadership in any steps needed for their protection.

The "Washington Post" hopes Col. Knox's speech is the harbinger of action, and says: "If Hitler succeeds in Europe, the American continent will begin to break up."

America's voice in the world would then become a whisper but there is still time to foil Hitler's object to achieve an empire with which to terrorize the rest of the world.

The desperate gamble Hitler is making in Russia calls imperatively for Britain and America

to strike a blow which would deliver both countries from the present harness to Mars, the "Post" concludes. Reuter.

R.A.S. PLAN NEW LONDON

FLYING START FOR POST-WAR BUILDING

The largest single re-planning project ever attempted in Britain is to be carried out by a committee of the Royal Academy under its president, Sir Edwin Lutyens. A two-year scheme for the whole of the County of London is being prepared now in the hope that when the war ends architects will be able to start rebuilding without delay.

Explaining the scheme in an exclusive interview recently, Sir Edwin pointed out that London lost its chance of a proper plan after the Great Fire because Wren's proposals came too late.

"We don't want to repeat that mistake," he said. "We hope the Academy scheme will be ready for public exhibition by the winter of 1942."

So far 26 experts, including as vice-chairman Sir Charles Bresssey, co-author with Sir Edwin of the vast roads development survey published in 1938, have been appointed to the Academy committee.

Bresssey Projects First

At the start, Sir Edwin said, the committee will confine itself to the projects contained in the Bresssey Report which are more likely to be proceeded with at the end of the war. Some of the routes recommended in the report entailed extensive demolitions. The Nazis have done some of the preliminary work already, and drastic re-planning will be necessary.

"Our aim," Sir Edwin continued, "will be to produce, suitable schemes for the guidance of local authorities, with special attention to questions of height, shape and alignment. We are not supplying designs, and, though we want to preserve the character of London, we have no intention of trying to exclude 'modernist' architects."

Problem Of Old Squares

"We shall go into the question of amenities thoroughly. There will be plans for the City, where it is undesirable to have tall

SOVIET THANKS U.S.A.

It was stated at a press conference in Moscow yesterday that the Soviet has expressed satisfaction and thanks to the United States for the pronouncements of President Roosevelt, Mr. Sumner Welles and Col. Frank Knox on the fight against German domination.

The Soviet newspapers publish extracts from sympathetic articles in the British press.

The Soviet worker now feels he is not alone and that there is no general assault on his country but that the Finnish and Rumanian attacks are merely extensions of German aggression.

The black-out, fire fighting and anti-gas precautions are being rigorously observed in Moscow.

Except for files of boys and girls being evacuated to the country, the only queues in the city are those awaiting newspapers or handing in radio sets.—Reuter.

CAUTION ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday, with a fairly general downdrift influenced by profit-taking slightly reversed towards the close when the market again turned steadier. Gilt-edged were about unchanged but Indians were slightly lower. Home rails were easier and industrials a shade lower on balance. Oils were dull and tins and rubbers firmer. Japanese bonds met profit-taking on the cryptic Tokyo statement causing caution. Kaffirs followed the general trend. Wall Street was subdued.—Reuter.

BUS MEN WORKED AS BOMBS FELL

Four bombs fell in a road in North London recently, blew down several "bays" of trolley-bus wires, and littered the road with debris.

By midnight a London Transport gang was there.

Although bombs were still falling, linesmen replaced the wires while others cleared the debris. At 5 a.m. (normal time) the first bus ran through.

buildings round St. Paul's; for the East End, to which some of the committee will give special attention; and for the South Side, which at present is a jumble.

"After the war it is unlikely that many of the big houses of Mayfair and Belgrave will be retaken. What is to happen to them? The old squares should be left as a characteristic part of London."

DAYLIGHT RAID LULL CONTINUES

The daylight raid lull over Britain continued yesterday, no reports of bombs having been dropped in any part of the country having been received up to 6 p.m.—Reuter.

Burma Road Damage

Traffic on the road from Lashio (Burma) to China has been interrupted by floods and landslides and a bridge near Chefang has been washed away.

The Transport Control Officer has forbidden lorries proceeding to China in order to avoid congestion.

One Chinese lorry crashed into the stream below, slipping off the road, the driver miraculously escaping.

One transport company rushed rations to feed marooned drivers. Latest information is that the floods are subsiding and that the bridge can be replaced in four days.

The highway within the Burma frontier is also affected.—Reuter.

'NEW SIR WALTER RALEIGH WANTED'

Nottingham, one of the chief centres of the tobacco industry in Britain, is a city without cigarettes.

Notices boldly stating "No cigarettes" are displayed by 90 per cent of tobacconists. Many of the remaining shops are shut; some permanently, others until fresh supplies are received.

There are few tobacco retailers in Nottingham who are still open throughout the week. Sunday closing is almost general and many tobacconists close for a further full day a week.

The tobacco shortage in London and the south cannot be compared with conditions here. The manufacture of cigarettes "on the doorstep" makes no difference to the retail position, as the city is given no preference in distribution.

In a tour of Nottingham and outlying districts, the sole reward of several hours' travel was a dusty packet of five of a cheap brand, grudgingly produced from the recesses of a dingy general store in the outskirts.

One shopkeeper with a sense of humour had a window poster: "Wanted—a new Sir Walter Raleigh to discover some tobacco."

At several shops it was stated: "When we get supplies we serve only regular customers."

Hoarding was stated to have made the position worse. Just before the Budget people bought up huge stores of cigarettes in anticipation of a rise in the tax.

One tobacconist recalled that a woman whom he refused to serve left his shop with the words: "I don't mind. I have got 3,000

BONUS TO CANADIAN WORKERS

Nearly 3,000,000 workers in Canada should be paid a cost of living bonus—this statement of the Canadian Government's policy was made yesterday by Mr. McLarty, the Labour Minister.

The statement was made in Ottawa after the Labour Mediation Board, dealing with a dispute between railway companies and employees, recommended a cost of living bonus in some but not all wage levels.

Mr. McLarty said the Board's finding was rejected because all workers represented before the Board should be treated alike.

While not mandatory on employers, Mr. McLarty expressed confidence the Government would be followed.

THE BONUS AMOUNTS TO 25 CENTS WEEKLY FOR EACH RISE OF ONE PER CENT IN THE COST OF LIVING ABOVE THE AUGUST, 1939 LEVEL.

The present level shows a rise of 7.7 per cent.

No increases of basic wages above the rates from 1926 to 1940 are intended.—Reuter.

NARCOTIC PROBLEM REVIVED

INCREASINGLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF HASHISH AND OPIUM ARE ENTERING EGYPT AS A RESULT OF THE WAR, ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF RUSSELL PASHA (SIR THOMAS WENTWORTH RUSSELL), DIRECTOR OF THE EGYPTIAN CENTRAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.

He declares that conditions in Syria threaten the reversion of that country to its former role of being the principal hashish-producing country in the East and the high road of opium traffic for Egypt.

The Report shows traffic in heroin, which is sea-borne, has been practically stopped, while hashish and opium, which come from and through Syria, have increased.—Reuter.

FIRE RAISERS AT WORK IN THE BLITZ

Fire-raisers are taking advantage of air raids to get rid of unprofitable businesses in the hope of being paid compensation.

Assessors called in to inspect damage in raided districts have had their suspicions aroused about the causes of some of the fires.

Some significant facts have come to light from their investigations, and they have concluded that some fires claimed to be the result of bombing were deliberately started.

Instead of financial redress for the loss there may be prosecutions for arson.

TONNAGE DUTIES SUSPENDED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

President Roosevelt, in another gesture to aid China, issued a proclamation suspending tonnage duties on vessels returning to American ports from Burma. The order is retroactive to June 10.—International News Service.

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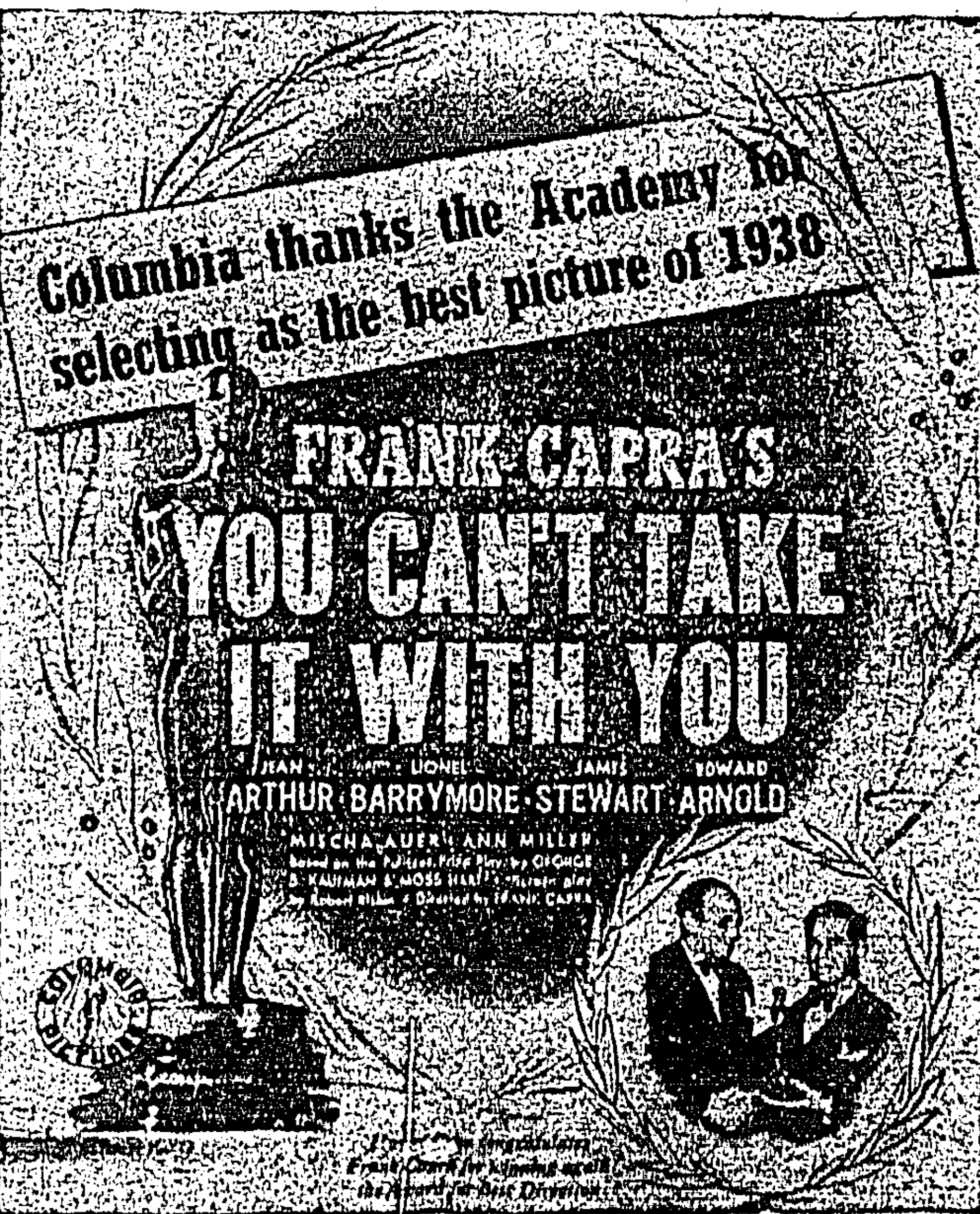
**GENERAL SIR CLAUDE
AUCHINLECK
ALREADY IN CAIRO****GENERAL SIR Claude Auchinleck, new
General Officer Commander-in-Chief,
Middle East, is already in Cairo, which he
reached from India, says Reuter.**According to International News, the
switching of posts between Sir Claude and
General Sir Archibald Wavell is a hint of Bri-
tish plans to use India as an avenue for aid of
Russia as well as a strengthening of India's
defences against a possible German blow.The announcement has caused
a sensation in London and the
press is at a loss immediately to
interpret the exact importance of
the change.Some papers suggest General
Wavell has been given a better
job owing to the strain of his
duties in the Greek, Libyan and
Syrian campaigns.THE AUTHORITATIVE PRESS
ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER,
SUGGESTS GENERAL WAVELL
IS GOING TO TAKE ACTIVE
CHARGE TO AID RUSSIA VIA
INDIA.The "Daily Express" speaks of
the fear of a Russian collapse and
the consequent German menace to
India.**Lyttelton Post**Importance is also attached in
the London press to the appoint-ment of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton as
special representative of the
War Cabinet in the Middle East.Mr. Lyttelton has also arrived
in Cairo by special fast plane.—
International News and Reuter.**THAT MAN
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tary questions were so diverse
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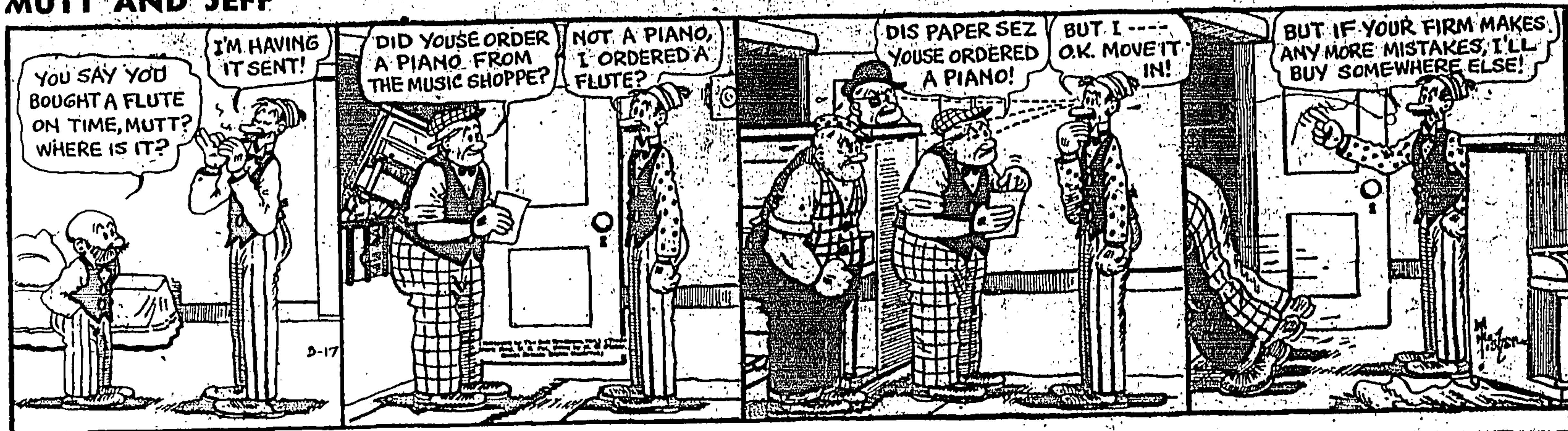
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the latest retail prices of small
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1940 Sunbeam Talbot 10		
Coupe	£285	£395
1939 Wolseley 16	£320	£425
1940 Rover 10	£275	£425

For an Austin Eight, regis-
tered but unused, £225, was being
asked; its catalogue price was
£149. Others of the same brand,
really second-hand, were from
£190 upwards.These big prices are only fetch-
ed by cars of popular makes in
virtually new condition.A big London dealer recently
said he believed the price boom
had reached its peak.The reason for the present
prices was the fact that there
would be no new cars until well
after the war, and the feeling
among private owners that any
sort of car will fetch a high price
when hostilities end.He believed there are at least
500,000 cars laid up by owners
who expect to get at least
double their cost price by wait-
ing.Professional blood donors sup-
plying Paris hospitals have
threatened a strike unless an extra
food ration is immediately forth-
coming.Donors supply about 400 quarts
monthly, contend that promised
extra rations of 4 lb. meat, 1 lb.
sugar, 1 lb. fat are essential.



Heavy Raids On Objectives At Palmyra And Rayak

THIEVES BUSY IN ARMS WORKS

Pilfering on a large scale in northern aircraft and munition factories is causing concern to the authorities.

Canteen equipment, small machinery parts, oil and grease are among the articles being stolen.

At one Merseyside works 50,000 cups and saucers and 2,500 sets of knives, forks and spoons disappeared in three months. The number of employees at the works is less than 2,000.

At another factory employing about 10,000 the cost of milk bottles smashed or stolen in one week was £25.

Recently eighty Klaxon horns, used in vital war work, were found to be missing.

R.A.F. AND AUSTRALIAN aircraft carried out a number of attacks on aerodromes and other military objectives in Syria on Tuesday.

At Rayak, two unidentified aircraft were burned out on the ground and four Potez bombers were badly damaged.

Twenty-eight tanks and 20 large motor transport vehicles were also machine-gunned and put out of action on the roads in the same area.

R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked barracks at Palmyra aerodrome and obtained several hits on both targets.

The fort and citadel at Souel-da were also hit by a number of bombs.

The aerodrome at Aleppo was also repeatedly bombed and machine-gunned. Fires were started among dispersed aircraft

at least one of which was destroyed, and a number of Bloch aircraft were badly damaged by machine-gun fire.

Beirut Raid

During the night of June 30/July 1, R.A.F. bombers attacked the harbour and shipping at Beirut. Hits were seen on the main docks and central quays and near ships which are believed to have been damaged.

One Messerschmidt was shot down on Tuesday. In addition to those reported in the previous communiqué as having been destroyed, while attempting to attack ships off the Cyrenaica coast.

From all operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

WOMAN POSED AS NAVAL SURGEON

A woman who said that her name was "Lady Stuart Campbell" was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Marlborough Street recently.

On the charge sheet she was described as Wynne-Malette Stuart Campbell, 42, a secretary, of Clanricarde Gardens, W. She was charged with posing as a surgeon commander in the Royal Navy.

Giving evidence, she said that she had been called a surgeon commander and "The admiral," but as a joke. She said that she was first married to a lieutenant who was killed in 1918, and afterwards to "Sir John Campbell." She had a child, of which he was the father. She could not explain why there was no registration of either marriage or the birth.

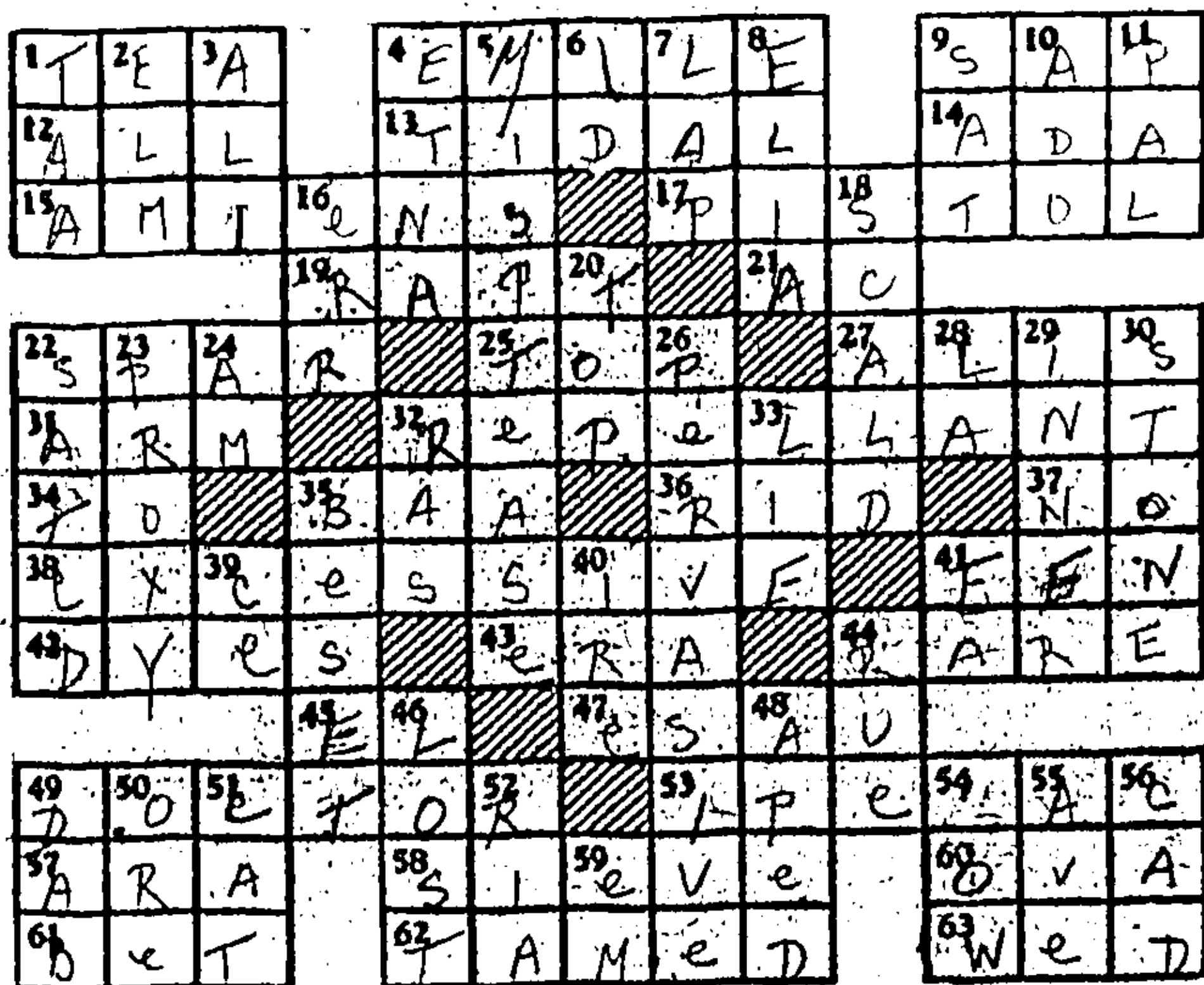
The magistrate, Mr. J. B. Sandbach, said she had been falsely pretending to have a lot of influence in high quarters. "I think, too," he said, "you have been assuming another rank to which you are not entitled. You are not happy unless you are in the limelight. It is probably megalomania."

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- 12 Entirely
- 13 Periodically rising and falling
- 14 Girl's name
- 15 City in France
- 17 Firearm
- 19 Absorbed
- 21 Symbol for actinium
- 22 To box
- 23 Briton
- 27 Sacred bull
- 31 Upper limb
- 32 Warring off attack
- 34 Part of intestine
- 35 Cry of sheep
- 36 To disencumber
- 37 Negative
- 38 Immoderate
- 41 Marsh
- 42 Colour
- 43 Period of time
- 44 Unusual
- 45 Spanish article
- 47 Son of Isaac
- 49 Physician

VERTICAL

- 1 Chinese pagoda
- 53 Creeping plant
- 57 Constellation
- 58 Filter
- 60 Eggs
- 61 Wager
- 62 Domesticated
- 63 Married

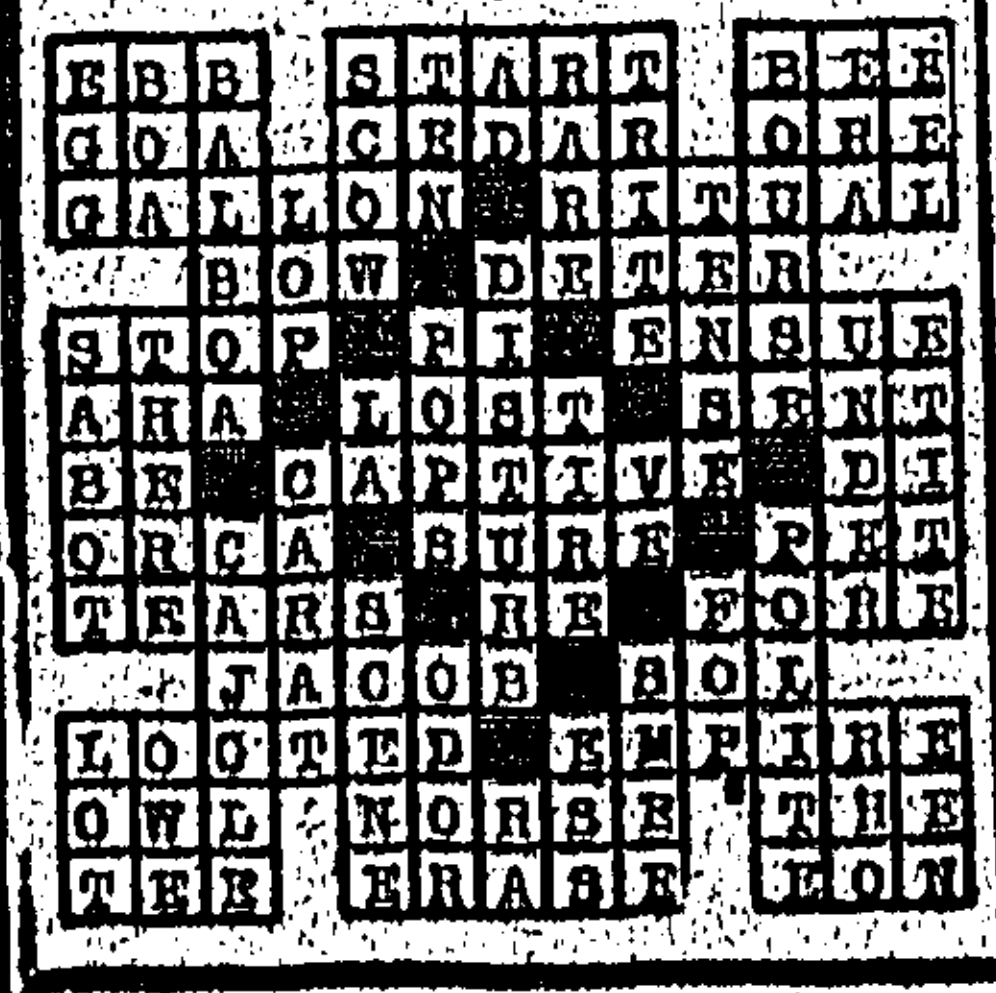
2 Shade tree

- 3 Moslem name
- 4 Sicilian volcano
- 5 To vex
- 6 European fish
- 7 To drink
- 8 Lamb's pen-name
- 9 Posed

10 Confusion

- 11 Slang friend
- 16 To blunder
- 18 To burn
- 20 To cant
- 22 Cloyed
- 23 Person acting for another
- 24 Part of "to be"
- 26 Permeating
- 28 Hebrew letter
- 29 Near to a centre
- 30 Gem
- 32 Ethiopian title
- 33 Falsehood
- 35 Harassed
- 39 Symbol for cerium
- 40 Anger
- 41 Note of scale
- 44 To regret
- 45 Wasted
- 46 Copied
- 48 Quick stroke
- 50 Crude metal
- 51 Feline
- 52 Intel
- 54 To intitle
- 55 Hate
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EXTENSION OF R.A.F. DAYLIGHT RAIDS: ENERGETIC PRESSURE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

R.A.F. daylight operations over Northern France, and occasionally over Germany, are being pursued with the utmost energy. Full advantage is being taken of Germany's pre-occupation in Russia. This general assurance was given me in London yesterday.

Their tactical purpose cannot be divulged but it can be assumed they are immediately associated with the growing R.A.F. night offensive.

Two attacks appear to be designed to strike at the chief source of the Nazi war potential in western and north-western Germany and the feeders to her western armies.

Aim evidently is to reconcile the R.A.F.'s long-term policy of heavy bombing with any shorter range policy requiring extra punch dictated by the big chance given Britain by Hitler's Russian adventure.

Lack of sufficiency of long-range fighter escorts for work across the English Channel must of necessity at present restrict the depth of R.A.F. operations in force by daylight, as do the short summer nights force, a shortening of the long arm of British air power by night.

New Spitfires

But some encouraging facts have emerged from the sweeps hitherto, made and incidentally begun in earnest on the eve of Hitler's attack on Russia.

The improved Spitfires have proved themselves superior in performance to Germany's latest Messerschmidt fighters.

The M.E. 109F, was specially designed to give maximum performance at high altitudes. Range and, to some extent, armament, were sacrificed to this aim, no doubt in the hope that the tactical advantage in height would be decisive.

This has not been the case and the new M.E. has been dragged down from its new ceiling of over 36,000 feet, and the Spitfires have made short work of it.

Mainly "Colts"

Germany left behind a numerically strong fighter force in north-west Europe when she moved east but there is no doubt the personnel are mainly "colts" and the crack pilots are leading the Russian campaign.

Britain's bombers have been chiefly used so far in relatively small force, with a very strong fighter escort, but sometimes on their own are, acquitting themselves with "great dash and notable success" against the Nazi fighters with which they have been engaged in several stern combats.

It is revealed that Britain's heaviest and newest bombers have been used in daylight attacks on targets in north-west Germany's coastline.

Concrete Result

One concrete result of the R.A.F.'s constant hammering by night of German shipyards and U-boat manufacturing towns has been an "appreciable reduction" in the scale of the Nazi effort in the Battle of the Atlantic recently and while the world may be disappointed if it expects the R.A.F. to alter the immediate course of the land struggle being waged in eastern Europe, its work will be regarded as well repaid. Reuter.

G.M. AWARDS TO SOLDIERS

Two members of a searchlight detachment, L/Sgt. E. A. Provins, and Gunner D. J. E. Roberts, both R.A., have been awarded the George Medal.

While in charge of a searchlight site on December 22, Sgt. Provins tried to assist the pilot of a Wellington bomber to land safely by swinging a beam towards trees and also on the ground to indicate its hilly nature.

The plane crashed, however, and though it was burning furiously and bullets were flying in all directions, Sgt. Provins directed rescue operations with coolness and efficiency.

Gunner Roberts, a member of the rescue party, dragged out a member of the crew who was covered in oil with his boots, trousers and hair burning.

For conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner, the George Medal is also awarded to War Subs. Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. M. Hewitt, R.E., Capt. D. A. S. Johnston, late the Durham Light Infantry (re-employed), and W.O. 1 (R.S.M.) A. Harrison, "Corps" of Military Police.

Reginald English, ship's apprentice, who saved a man whose legs had been broken from being washed overboard while in a small boat, has been awarded the bronze medal for gallantry in saving life at sea.

FIRST ATLANTIC FLIER PROMOTED

Sir Arthur Whitten-Brown, of the Alcock and Brown team that made the first Trans-Atlantic airplane flight 22 years ago, was named a Lieutenant Colonel and Battalion Commander of the Home Guard.

On June 14-15, 1919, Brown, then a young American lieutenant, and the late John Alcock, then a British Army Captain, flew the Atlantic from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Clifden, Ireland, in 16 hours, 12 minutes.

The flight, made in a twin-engine Vickers-Vimy plane, was hailed as the greatest aerial event in history up to that time and the fliers, Alcock as pilot and Brown as navigator, split \$40,000 in prizes and were knighted.

JAPAN LIMITS SILENT PRAYERS

Silent prayers for the dead are to be banned henceforth in Japan as a "Christian custom alien to traditions," the Shrine Board announces. They are to be replaced by two deep bows followed by two hand claps and ending with another bow.

The practice of praying silently at shrines and temples was introduced in Japan in 1924 following the great earthquake when the entire Nation paused to pray silently for the victims of the disaster. The new ruling is now hailed as "general repudiation of the Christian custom."

HUGE GOODS DEMAND AFTER WAR PREDICTED

An increase of only 23.5 per cent. in sales volume over the 1937 level is all that will be needed to balance distribution with production capacity after the defence emergency period, John H. Van Deventer, editor of Iron Age, said in an address in Detroit.

Addressing a meeting of the Industrial Marketers of Detroit, an organisation of producers and merchandisers, Mr. Van Deventer said:

"Your merchandising problem is not to sell goods; it is to keep people wanting to buy your goods even though you cannot supply them."

"After the war is over," he added, "we may have a superfluity of shells and guns and tanks, but we will certainly have a shortage of the things that people ordinarily need and enjoy having."

"Ten thousand manufacturing plants will have worn out their machines, new and old, by having employed them on a 24-hour, seven-day basis. There's new demand for you."

"The war, torn nations of Europe will need to replace the demolished structures that Mars has left in his destructive path. That's more demand."

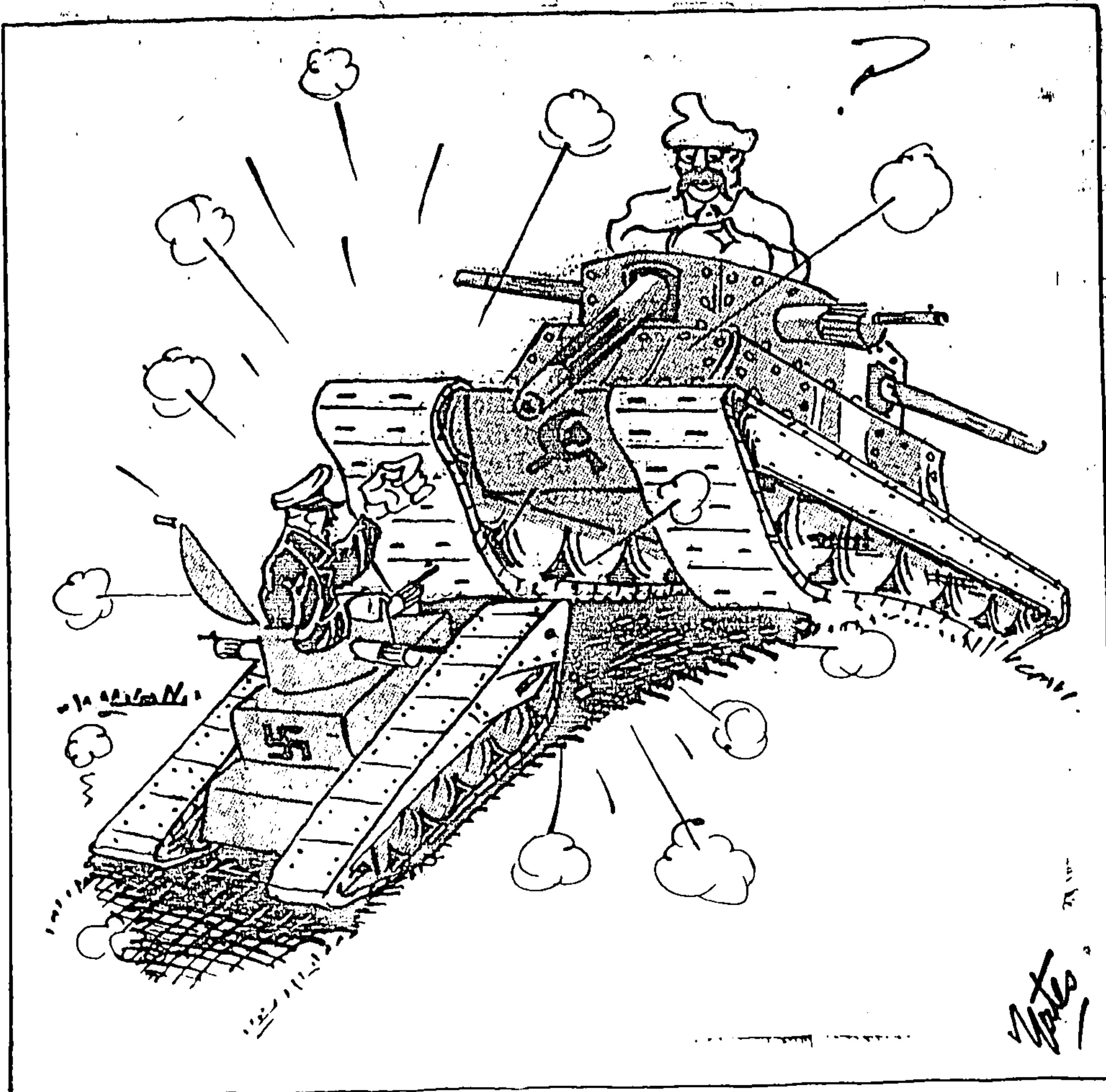
Mr. Van Deventer urged his hearers to "stop looking backward," to concentrate on new ideas and "on your own future selling power."

"Don't for one moment imagine that this country is going bankrupt of consuming power after this emergency is ended," he said.

CHINA MAIL

GENERAL WAVELL'S MOVE

General Sir Archibald Wavell's exchange of posts with General Sir Claude Auchinleck needs to be linked closely with the fact that the Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton is also going to Cairo, as the direct representative of the War Cabinet, to take over from the new Commander-in-Chief a great mass of political, economic and administrative work which has hitherto been handled by General Wavell. The shock and the surprise need not, therefore, give rise to speculation on any supposed reasons for the replacement of General Wavell. Now that the facts are known, it would have been more surprising if the immensity of the tasks thrust upon General Wavell, the fighting of five campaigns on five different fronts, in addition to attending to the details of economic warfare, political work and propaganda, had not had their effect in heavy strain after twelve months of continuous effort. In those twelve months, General Wavell has more than justified his brilliant reputation as a strategist and a military commander of the highest skill by any and every standard. Half the work is to be taken off the shoulders of his successor in Cairo, and plainly no harm will be done in the Middle East by the arrival of a keen, energetic, master tactician, free to concentrate upon the military task. Incidentally, there is more than a hint that General Wavell's knowledge of Russia was not out of the minds of the War Cabinet when the exchange of posts was under consideration. These are days when new emergencies require forward-looking minds. It is a matter for congratulation to discover the clearest evidence that the War Cabinet has its eyes focussed not only upon the urgent demands of the immediate moment, but upon the potentialities of the future. It gives confidence too to note the cheerful acquiescence of General Wavell in a change of command, much as he would doubtless have liked the opportunity of finishing the job he has so brilliantly begun.



HIMMEL! THIS IS ILLEGAL!

Tough Nut For Himmler

Passionate Nazi-hater Jay Allen, by illegally entering Occupied France, has fallen into the hands of the Gestapo. His arrest is due, as are all his misfortunes, to impetuosity and a belief that if you are an American you can do pretty well what you like in Europe.

Jay Allen is one of the few men I know who could never hope to disguise himself and get away with it. One of his eyes is deeper set than the other, so that you think he squints and then find that he doesn't. It is disconcerting sometimes. I hope the Gestapo will find it so.

Among tyrants the name of Jay Allen stinks, particularly does it do so in the nostrils of Francisco Franco y Bahamonde, whom he interviewed at Tetuan, in Morocco, when the Spanish revolt first broke out in 1936. It put Franco's name on the map.

More injudicious than usual, Franco then calmly told Allen that, if it were necessary, he would murder half the population of Spain to gain his ends. This is dynamite, thought Allen! He didn't even stop to pack his bags before driving full tilt into French Morocco to cable the story.

Thereafter Franco's thugs put a price on Allen's head, the more eagerly as they discovered that he was then closely connected with the Republican Government, was a friend of men who afterwards became famous or infamous, whichever way you look at things: among others, Del Vayo, Caballero, both of whom, some years earlier, he'd concealed for days in his Madrid house when Primo de Rivera's police were hunting them.

Nervous to an almost unbelievable degree, Allen talks in quick, sudden jerks, as though every five words or so he suddenly sees something that makes him forget what he was going to say. Only those who know him well can effortlessly understand what he's driving at: others, impressed by his bulk, his air of knowing what's what, gladly make an effort to understand, are often well rewarded for their pains. Ahead of the Gestapo men detailed to interrogate him is no enviable job.

Grandiose are Allen's ideas, not the least of which was to attempt the creation of a vast Europe-wide democratic news service to compete with long-established, fabulously rich, semi-official agencies that already supply the world with its daily news. He might have saved his always short breath for other purposes.

Jay Allen, fearing that Nazi influence was becoming paramount in Europe, wanted to wake up his countrymen to what he then regarded as inevitable war, felt that usual news channels were not doing enough in this direction. Such men in 1937 or thereabouts were dubbed mischief-makers, and their schemes usually came to naught. Allen's scheme was among the majority.

Unlike many of his slicker colleagues who are content to cash in on superficialities, Allen likes digging down to facts, likes also to go political slumming before committing himself to paper. He is a great blower-in and blower-out of rooms, meetings, parties. He never seems to be in the same place for more than four minutes at a time. But in that time he manages to pick up more facts than most of us can do at a full-dress interview.

Keystone of Nazi propaganda to the United States has been no German territorial, economic demands on that country.

Strangely then, but not unnaturally perhaps, came this song (here translated) the other day from a German radio station; sung by a choir:

"Now are we bound for England. The whole country will be destroyed by fire. Then we set out for the New World,

Whence we shall fetch Roosevelt (Roosevelt); Switzerland, the insolent porcupine, We shall seize on the way home."

Much may be forgiven the March of Time film unit for its splendid work in the past. In its first full-length film, "The Ramparts We Watch," there is much to be forgiven from the point of view of a British audience. The less said about its dizzy lon-

gueurs, its bathetic insincerities, the better.

But you must see it, if only to have a good laugh at the Germans. Towards the end of the picture are shown extracts from the much-vaunted German film of the Polish campaign, called "Baptism of Fire."

The film, you will remember, that was to terrify everyone out of their wits. It has two highlights.

The first is Hitler doing a Sarah Bernhardt act in an arm-chair. He has just given the word "Go" to his Air Force: they are on their way to blow Polish

women and children to pieces. And there he sits, sprawled out in his railway carriage, for all the world as though the fidgety Goering beside him was a doctor who had just told him the worst, Galloping consumption, at least. He's a regular old Dame aux Camellias.

The second is the commentator: a German, speaking English. He has the sort of voice Pop-eye the Sailor Man would have if his voice had never broken. And he's obviously taken a degree in making people's flesh creep—but at a pretty poor university.

But "Baptism of Fire" itself isn't half as terrifying as the news-reels of the last war. They do show what war means. Which is more than Dr. Goebbels has been able to do in this film.

Incidentally, isn't it time we stopped singing "Land of Hope and Glory." That line about the British Empire: "Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set" sounds slightly comic in the ears of those pledged to a war that, we are told, has no imperial ambitions in its make-up.

Here is the ultimate horror in "officialness." I found it in a document at the Ministry of Information. It is passed on without comment.

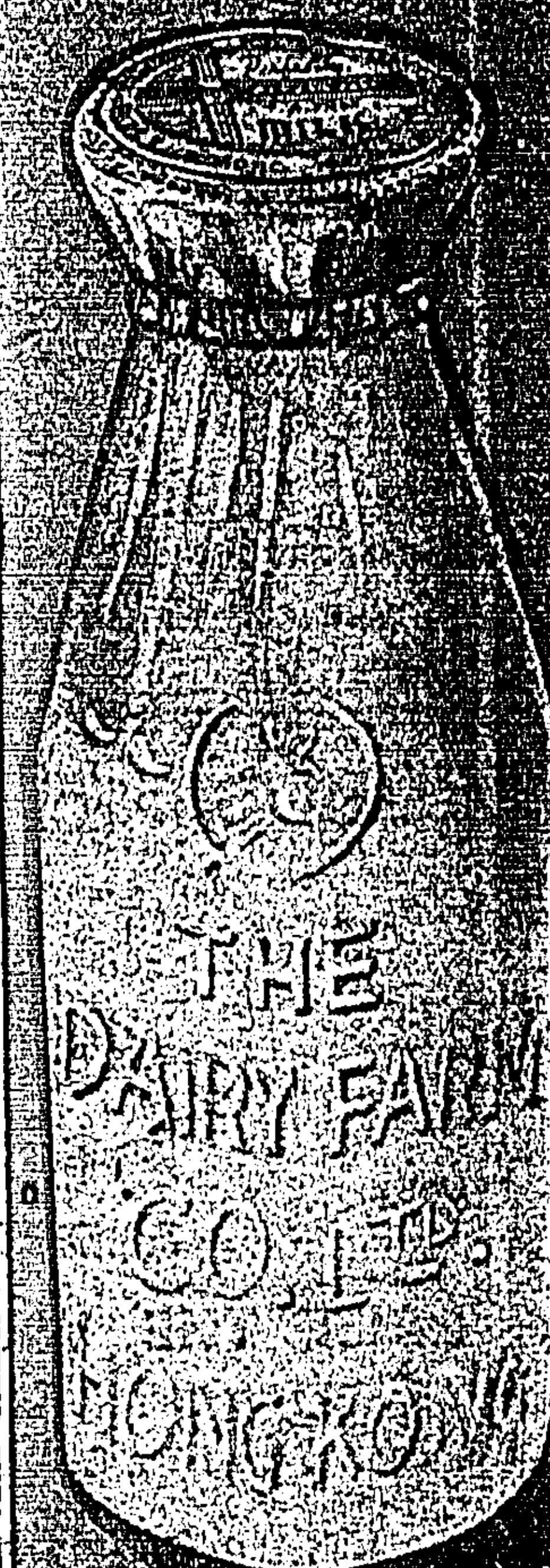
"The subject," says the document apropos the awakening of Yugoslavia, "can be admirably treated propagandistically."

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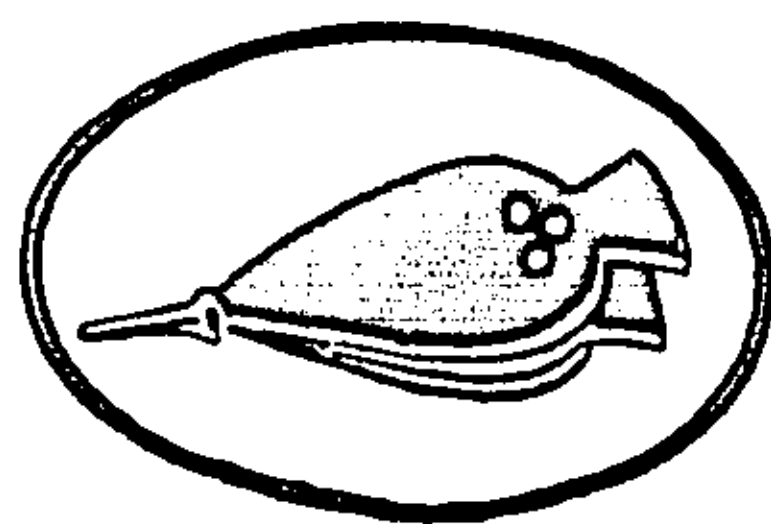
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Swiss Food Ample But Outlook Is Uncertain

THE SWISS PEOPLE are getting enough to eat thus far, but with the Axis powers controlling the ingress of raw materials and foodstuffs customarily imported, the outlook in case of a protracted war is uncertain, according to a Department of Agriculture survey by Dr. Harry Lee Franklin, senior agricultural economist.

Dr. Franklin's study is one of a series the Department has made on the European food situation to guide the new "food diplomacy" of the United States.

Since it normally imports about one-fourth of its food requirements, Switzerland cannot expect to fully meet its war-caused food deficit, Dr. Franklin declares. He describes Switzerland's chief agricultural task to-day, as one of "maximising food production to the limit of the country's resources." Increased production, reinforced by various trade, distribution and consumption controls, already in force, "will go far to assure and safeguard the nation's food supply," he feels.

Chief Imports

Switzerland, according to Dr. Franklin, is practically self-sufficient in meat, fluid milk, animal fats and potatoes. A large share of the customary consumption of fresh vegetables and fruit, except citrus, is supplied domestically. Foods normally imported in greatest quantities are bread-grains and sugar. About two-thirds of the bread-grains and about six-sevenths of the sugar normally consumed must be imported.

Included in the stiff wartime Swiss system of food rationing and control is a restriction forbidding the sale of fresh bread until 48 hours after baking. Though food prices have been under strict control, the Government has found it necessary to sanction price increases for a wide range of commodities, due largely to circumstances beyond Swiss control. Compared with August, 1939, the last pre-war month, the Swiss cost-of-living index for August, 1940, according to Dr. Franklin, showed an increase of 11 per cent. for foodstuffs, 18.4 per cent. for fuel, and 22.8 per cent. for clothing.

Food Reserve Policy

The general food reserve policy in Switzerland, the report pointed out, has been to accumulate reserve stocks equal to at least six months' requirements. The Federal Government, in conjunction with the Swiss National Bank, has arranged to provide the necessary financing to cover interest, storage and other carrying charges for surplus stocks accumulated by private firms under contractual agreement with the Government.

Dr. Franklin reports that Switzerland to-day is caught between Axis control of its trade and a British refusal not to allow accumulation of more than two months' stock of important commodities useful for war purposes to pass through its blockade.

"Thus far Switzerland has maintained a high degree of political neutrality and had stoutly resisted every internal and external influence tending toward ideological or political totalitarianism," Dr. Franklin concluded. "The United States will continue to follow with sympathetic interest future developments in the last remaining democratic republic in Europe."

ART CENTRES INSTEAD OF STATUES

That community centres for concerts and art exhibitions be erected instead of statues as war memorials is the recommendation of the Central Institute of Art and Design in Manchester. Bring artistic activities closer to the life of the people and encourage local talent, is the Institute's dictum.

Director T. A. Fennimore, who made the announcement, said it was also hoped the Government would set up a selling organisation to merchandise craftwork, pictures and designs.

LEGION FOR UNITY

A group of first generation and naturalised American citizens has organised, the "Legion for American Unity and Action" in opposition to the Axis powers.

The group named Ferdinand Pecora, Justice of the New York Supreme Court, as Chairman and sent a telegram to President Roosevelt signed by 44 members, pledging "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour" so that freedom and liberty will survive and triumph everywhere over tyranny and dictatorship.

Organisers said the League would launch a Nation-wide movement among approximately 30,000,000 Americans of foreign extraction for a programme "to support and to encourage decisive action in defence of the United States, on behalf of Great Britain, and in opposition to the totalitarian Axis."

FROZEN FOOD PLAN FOR VIRGINIA

Sometime last month the Augusta Co-operative Farm Bureau opened at Staunton, Va., its new 600-locker frozen food storage plant, which Dr. Gordon H. Ward, Virginia Polytechnic Institute marketing specialist, said was the second co-operative locker system in Virginia, and the fifth of any kind.

Foods can be frozen in less than an hour at 20 degrees below zero, and can be stored at zero. The metal lockers have about six cubic feet capacity, and rent from \$8 to \$12 a year. There is some bulk storage for frozen foods, and the plant will offer frozen foods for sale. Bureau members have priority on use of the lockers, but non-members also may rent the facilities.

If the demand is sufficient, the Bureau plans to operate lockers at all its Augusta county branches, and concentrating the processing of foods at the Staunton plant.

MAIL TIES UP TRAFFIC

Belleville's only electric traffic signal was designed to direct traffic only and — well, that's all. When it went out of order and tied up traffic, workers opened box and discovered six postal cards and a letter deposited therein. They were removed and put in a mail box a few feet away and the traffic signal resumed operation unaltered.

SOAP AND RECOVERY

U.S. Government statisticians have found that when business is good, more soap is used.

PEANUT VENDOR CONTRIBUTES 2-DAY SALES TO GREECE

"Peanuts for Greece" is the newest war relief activity that has hit this town of hundreds of relief agencies. The slogan was coined by John Court-sounis, native of Sparta and for 33 years peanut-vendor to professors and students of Columbia University and to all and sundry who frequent the corner of Broadway and 116th Street.

John had three nephews who fought with Greece against Germany and Italy. He wanted to help the homeland, too. Now he has completed a two-day peanut selling campaign, giving the entire proceeds from his stand to the Columbia Chapter of the American-Hellenic Student Committee which is raising funds for Greek medical aid.

Two days of sales were about all John could donate. Business, he said, hasn't been so good since the depression.

John may not be as well-known a celebrity as Steve Vasilakos, peanut vendor in Executive Avenue, Washington, D. C., who several months ago launched a like campaign. His acquaintances are "big shots" of the University rather than Presidents and Senators. However, "Peanuts for Greece," he estimated might net as much as \$50 in aid of needy civilians back home.

WOMEN TO TAKE OVER BALLOONS

"Amazon Flight"

The North Midlands is to make the first experiment in a scheme which, if successful, will result in the W.A.A.F. taking over from men many of the barrage balloon sites.

It is not proposed that they should take over other than land stations, but even this may mean the release of thousands of men for other duties in the R.A.F.

Girls who are already members of the W.A.A.F. are being given the first opportunity of serving in the "Amazon Flight" as it has been decided to call the new experimental organisation. They are coming forward in sufficiently large numbers to ensure the experiment having a thorough trial.

Only the fittest will be called on, for the duties will be heavy and onerous. The Amazons will fly the balloons, drive the winches and the trailers, and haul on the ropes.

They will have their own distinctive uniform, probably a type of battledress in R.A.F. blue. Skirts would be unsuitable for working on muddy sites.

CHURCHILL'S CALL AWAITED BY PALESTINE JEWS

(THE POSITION OF THE Jews in Palestine has become increasingly difficult as hostilities in the Near East threaten the precarious balance between Jewish and Arab racial groups. The following article studies the situation from the Jewish viewpoint.)

Recent developments in Syria have brought home to the people of Palestine the fact that they are in serious danger of an Italo-German invasion.

As the drive against the Suez Canal is approaching, the Jews hope to be permitted to organise a Jewish Army. Half a million Jews are waiting in Palestine for the day when they may come to grips with the enemy of their race on equal terms.

An Axis invasion of Palestine may come overland, through Turkey. The Germans may also use what is left of the Italian fleet to force a landing in the Holy Land as a move to outflank Turkey. A simultaneous attack on Gibraltar might divert the British Mediterranean squadrons long enough to permit such an attempt.

The Italian bases in the Dodecanese Islands are only an hour by fast warplane from the Palestine coast. The country could be sufficiently "softened" by aerial attacks to prepare for its invasion.

Routes Of Possible Invasion

The invasion of Palestine could also be undertaken from Syria. The "Weygand" army in Syria is now largely demobilised and its effectiveness shipped to France. Only between 40,000 and 80,000 French troops now remain in Syria. If Vichy still has the loyalty of the mandatory government, an attack on the Holy Land from the north is quite possible.

The Jews want their own army to defend their own land. The plan is apparently hanging fire, because Prime Minister Churchill is mindful of its possible repercussions in the Arab world. It is an unenviable decision to reach.

The Arabs of Palestine, about a million of them, are by no means uniformly loyal to Britain's cause. There are "fifth columnists" without number among them. The bands of rebel fellahs, who harassed the British army for years, despite punitive expeditions with tanks, howitzers, and aeroplanes, are neither pacific underneath the surface, nor enthusiastic about the English and Anzac troops.

"Holy War Of Islam"

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Hussein, fled the country during the fighting in 1937, with a British price on his head. To-day he is still touring the courts of the Arab princes and the tents of the Bedouin tribesmen and preaching a "Holy War of Islam" against the British "infidels." No one can tell how much he is succeeding, but the British may have to pay heavily when the war shifts to the Near East.

On the surface, Arab insurrection came to an end with the outbreak of the war. The almost total ban on Jewish immigration and the restrictions against land purchases by Jews pacified the Arabs a good deal, the London Government hopes. These legislative measures hurt the Jews badly. They need a haven for their war refugees. But London has nothing to fear from them: their loyalty to the Allied cause is absolute.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine is knocking on the doors of politicians in London and Washington demanding a Jewish Army. Its spokesmen point out that 50,000 first-rate men could be speedily gathered and trained in Palestine, while several times that number were ready to volunteer abroad. In two or three months the Agency could produce a nuclear army. In two or three years it could give England between 300,000 and 400,000 men of the highest possible anti-Nazi morale. The Jews would also be prepared to pay for the equipment of their own army.

Like Colonial Pioneers

The morale of Palestinian Jews has by now become proverbial. More than 425,000 of them have come into the Holy Land since 1920—fugitives from racial or re-

ligious persecution. They built themselves homes in the land of their fathers, wresting every inch of grain from the desert, the marshes, the stony hills of Judea, and in face of Arab enmity and terrorism. They are mostly able-bodied and courageous young people. Perhaps one in five among them is a refugee from Nazi terror. They are a hardy, daring breed of colonial pioneers, reminiscent of the early American settlers.

These Jewish peasants have learned to plow the soil with one hand on the plow-handle and another on the rifle-trigger. Because of the constant menace of Arab raids they have also become expert in the traditional Arab craft of gun-running and munition hoarding. The weapons which they are believed to have thus amassed would compare favourably with those supplied before the present war to the Arabs, by the agents of Germany and Italy. On both sides the armament contains machine-guns, hand grenades, and even light artillery pieces, it is said.

The actual dimensions of both Arab and Jewish secret effectiveness may not be known until invasion comes. Then the armories, which are now buried deep in the fields and orange plantations, or hidden in the honeycombed mountains of the desolate countryside, will be opened.

That the semi-military preparedness of the Jewish settlers is considerable may be deduced from the size of their secret self-defence organisation. The Haganah and the Irgun Zebai—Defence and Military Confederation respectively—have around 100,000 inscribed members.

Military Exercises

When the British authorities opened the registration of civil defence volunteers, 136,000 Palestinian Jews offered their services within some 72 hours.

The new organisation gave them an opportunity of much-coveted military exercises. Until then they were obliged to get these secretly, along deserted beaches, in darkened farm sheds, or in the barren hills of Judea and Galilee.

Thousands of Jewish refugees are still filtering through the coastguard patrol into Palestine. They land from Nazi-sponsored "despair boats," which ply their pathetic course from Balkan and Iberian ports. They come in worm-eaten little craft from neighbouring Greek and Turkish islands. Many perish en route. Others sink with their rotten vessels almost in sight of the Promised Land, or jump into the sea, trying to swim ashore, while their ships are sneaking around the coast to elude the British patrols.

Yet many do reach land and there they are put in concentration camps. When they are finally released, these strong, daring, desperate men add further leaven to the high fighting spirit of the community.

Secrecy On Leaders' Names

The leaders of the self-defence organisations are not known by name even to their subordinates. The inspiration of most of them is the memory of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, World War commander of the Jewish Legion and founder of the militant New Zionist Organisation. Jabotinsky passed on last year in New York, while he was seeking to organise the recruiting of young American Jews for the Jewish Army in Palestine.

The Jewish war effort in Palestine is extremely high. The young community already boasts

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They are sons of a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel III.

FINDING OF HUGE CRATER RECALLS METEOR OF 1894

Discovery of a large crater near the base of southern Colorado's Sangre De Cristo Mountains has revived memories of a meteor which flashed across the sky 47 years ago.

Dr. H. H. Minninger, Denver natural scientist, said after an aeroplane trip over the crater—300 feet wide and 30 feet deep—that it probably was gouged out by a meteorite. He plans a return trip with instruments for a scientific investigation. Old timers say the brilliant meteor's appearance nearly a half century ago was followed by a roar and earth tremors.

"I HAVE MOVED" —WHERE?

One Tampa draft registrant has complied scrupulously with a requirement that he notify his local board whenever he changed address—except for one detail. Four times in the past two months he mailed the Board cards saying "I have moved." None of them gave an address.

of producing steel, ammunition, and small tanks for the British Middle East command. Their textile and electrical industries supply a great part of the army's needs. Their farms and plantations feed most of the British divisions between Libya and India.

So far the British Government has been yielding to their clamoring very slowly. Some 8,000 Jews have been allowed to enlist in the British army. But they are not kept in a separate or distinct unit. They are distributed in various services in Egypt, Palestine, Crete, and elsewhere. There are only two small distinctly Jewish battalions in the Holy Land.

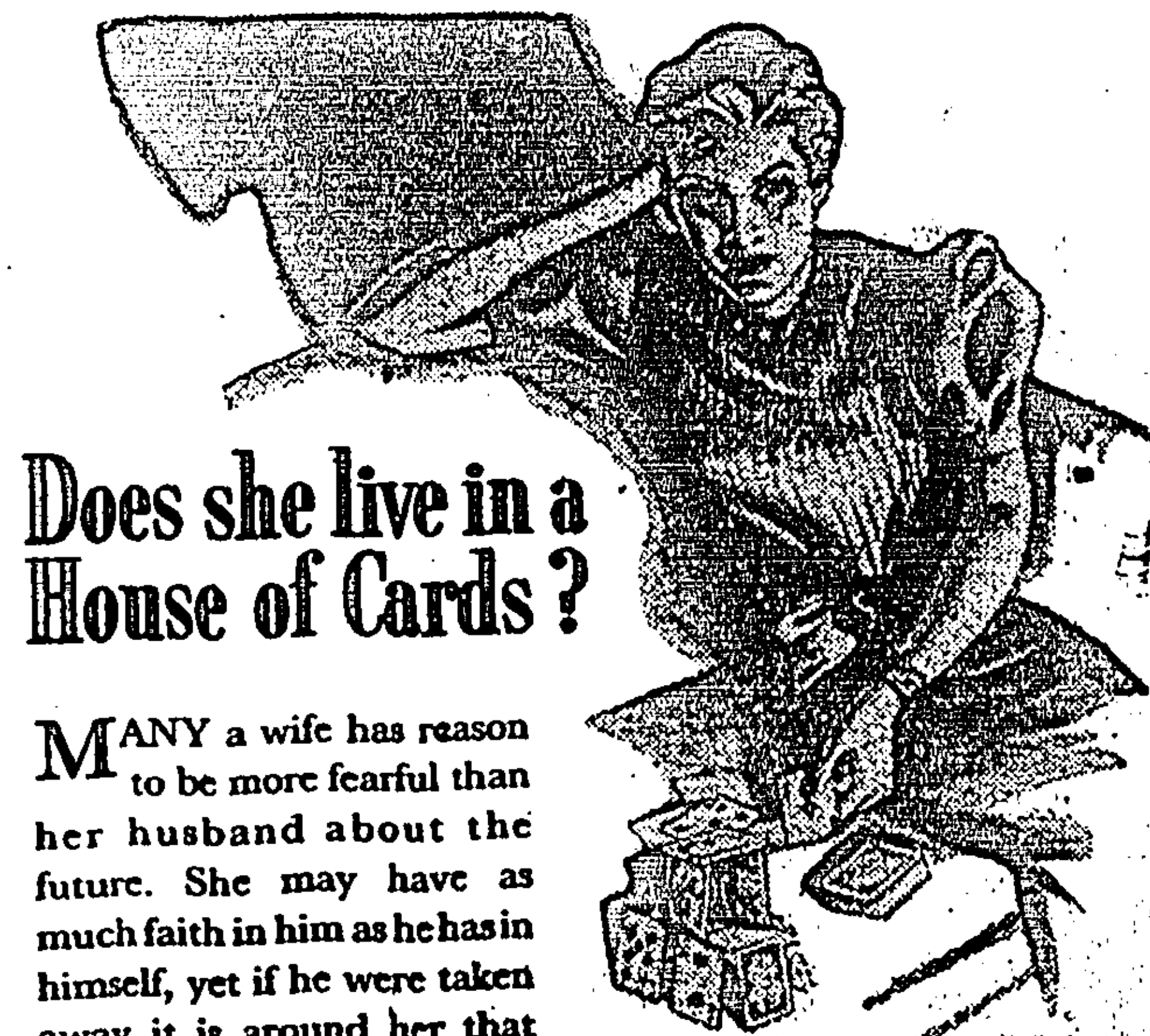


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BRIDGE NOTES

THE RIGHT CARD

By The Four Aces

It isn't always enough for the defence to switch to the right suit; sometimes it is also necessary that they lead precisely the right card of the right suit. For example:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 10 5
♥ A K J 10 6
♦ 9 8
♣ 10 6 2

WEST
♠ 4 3
♥ 5 4 2
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ A 7 4 3

EAST
♠ 7 6 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ K J 9

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ K 5 2
♣ Q 8 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the Queen of diamonds, and East won the trick with his Ace. East saw in a flash that a shift to clubs was vital, but it may prove interesting if we show how he arrived at this decision.

West's lead of the Queen of diamonds denied possession of the diamond King, for if West had held both King and Queen he would have led the King. Hence South had the diamond King, and dummy's doubleton made it plain that the defence could win no further diamond tricks. The chance of winning a trump trick was very small in view of South's jump rebid and North's strong trump holding. The heart suit was obviously sold; since even if South lacked the Queen, the finesse would succeed. Hence the only suit in which the defence could win the three needed tricks was clubs.

But East had three cards in the club suit, and only one of them would produce three tricks. Obviously, any lead would succeed if West held both the Ace and Queen; and no lead would succeed if South held the Ace. But care was needed if South held the Queen and West the Ace.

The proper lead, as East soon saw, was the Jack. Then if South played the Queen, West would take the Ace and the King-nine would win the next two tricks. But if East led the nine of clubs, South would play low and dummy's ten would compel West to play the Ace. Then the Queen would win the third round of the suit.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 10 3 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ Q 10 2
♣ J 4

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your pass on the second round doesn't commit you to weak action for the rest of the auction. Partner's bidding indicates a good hand with reasonable game prospects—and it pays to bid for game rather than try only for a part-score on hands of this type. Score 100% for four spades, 20% for pass.

Question No. 758

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SWORE OATH ON NATIVE SOIL

BACK IN ENGLAND after their raid on Oksford, Norwegian sailors recently narrated how they had planted the Norwegian national flag on the soil of their mother country and had all sworn a solemn oath under it that one day they would plant this same flag for good on the soil of a free Norway.

It was the flag which they had carried with them on their earlier expedition and raid on the Lofoten Islands.

The raid on Oksford accomplished its aim of destroying an important herring oil factory in Northern Norway from which the Nazis have been obtaining a substitute for the whale oil whose industry has been lost to them.

Throughout it was carried out by Norwegian forces aboard a Norwegian destroyer flying the Norwegian flag.

The destroyer sailed up the narrow fjord in the early dawn light between high snow-covered mountains, and the landing party was fully prepared to meet resistance.

No Germans Seen

No Germans were seen, however, and the local population offered no resistance.

One of the sailors said:—

"Hitler boasted that wherever Allied forces landed on the Continent of Europe the Germans would be there to meet them. But we saw none, although we were quite ready to tackle them had we encountered any."

Another said: "It was just like a pleasant Easter excursion home."

One of the men wore a pair of mittens which had been given him by one of the islanders. It was in the national colours of red, white and blue, and had embroidered on the back of each hand, "Long live the King," an illustration of how King Haakon has come to symbolise the popular resistance to the Nazi invaders even so far north as Oksford.

The men distributed food to the islanders and also copies of the Norwegian newspaper published in London.

Ashore 2½ Hours

They were ashore two and a half hours, and in that time completely destroyed the machinery at the oil refinery with high explosives. They waited to put out a fire which the explosions had started so that it would not spread to the workers' homes.

As they left the cheers of the islanders resounded down the fjord.

The Oksford factory has a normal peace time output of 1,000 tons of herring oil, but it is possible that the Germans have lately increased this, because it is badly needed for the manufacture of explosives and for fats.

GERMAN PRESS HAS LIBERTY—TO BE NAZI

How foreign correspondents in Berlin are muzzled is described by Georges Verdene in the Tribune de Geneve.

Verdene has returned to Switzerland after touring Germany with a party of ten Swiss journalists, as guests of Goebbels.

"The numerous contacts the Swiss journalists had with their Berlin correspondents of Swiss newspapers," he writes, "have enabled them to see for themselves that the Press in Germany enjoys a certain liberty, but on condition it exactly reflects the opinion of official circles."

"There is no preventive censorship, but journalists know by experience to what sanctions they expose themselves if they criticise the Government."

"The work of the foreign correspondent in Berlin is certainly not easy, and most of their time they must content themselves with reproducing news they collect from the Ministry of Propaganda, or by indulging in the game of speculation on current events."

GANG GUNS FOR HG'S

The Home Guard are to be given tommy-guns, rifles, and revolvers seized by the United States police from the former gangsters of Chicago and New York.

Under recent United States legislation, the American police are empowered to hand over revolvers and guns in their possession, and these, with others given by private citizens, are now reaching England in considerable quantity.

Britain had received from America up to March 1: 2,072 guns, 3,109 revolvers, 1,517 binoculars, 286,024 rounds of ammunition, 5,791 steel helmets and 231 stop-watches.

The Countess of Jersey recently distributed some of these arms to a Home Guard unit whose duty it is to defend an aeroplane factory.

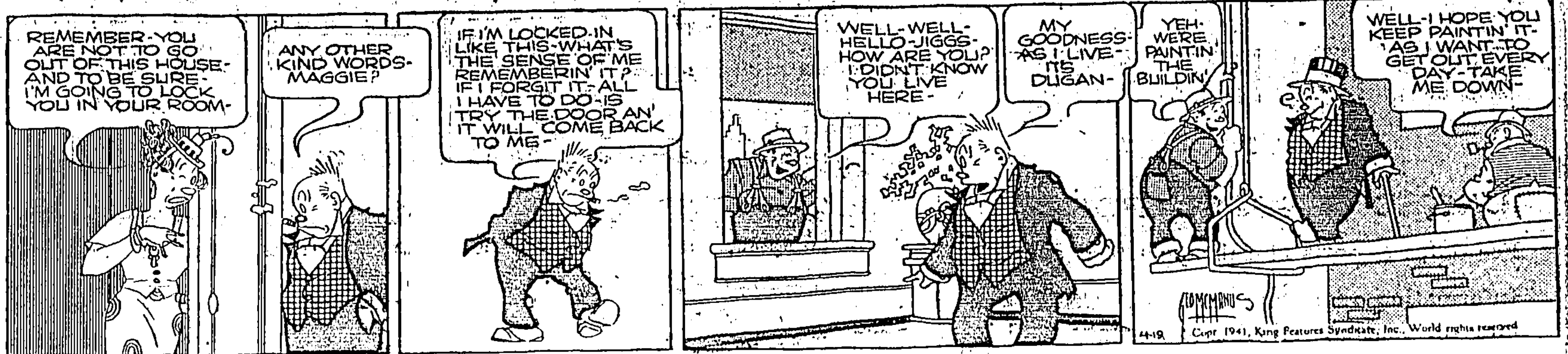
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Men Like This Kind Of Picnic

By Gwendolin Keene

Have you ever noticed that pictures of the typical American picnic almost invariably show several ladies and just about one man — and a restless-looking one at that? If your men friends or relatives are picnic-shy, they can be cured by being invited to a strictly masculine-style affair. And if they're allowed to take hold and run the picnic, once they have arrived, their conversion is assured.

"Kenneth's own" is a picnic formula evolved by a young bachelor friend to the delight of his friends of both sexes and all ages. It's good for day or evening. And with slight changes it could be adapted to take in any youngsters the "young marrieds" might bring along. It takes a good two hours and a half to accomplish; and the host is on the job every minute. But the result is more than worth it.

The group generally numbers eight, and provisions are described as follows:

1 quart bottle tomato cocktail (better than plain tomato juice).

1 box small salty crackers, any kind.

Enough anchovy paste, peppery cheese or other spread to take care of the crackers.

Steaks, one apiece—"squares, circles or what have you; no bones of course. Stand over the butcher and make him cut them specially for you, and have them at least an inch thick. Get whatever grade you can afford, and personally I allow three-quarters of a pound a person and it's never thrown away."

2 potatoes apiece, one white and one sweet if you like.

Salad—about 2 heads of lettuce, 4 or 5 tomatoes, couple of cucumbers, 1 pepper.

1 roll apiece, any kind.

1 pound butter.

16 medium-sized onions.

8 cups cocoa ready to reheat.

1 box sugar.

2 boxes marshmallows.

1 bottle prepared French dressing.

Pick your site with "seclusion to suit," preferably with water and firewood available—though if you choose the beach you may have to bring your own. Immediately on arrival start a fire, using small sticks for quick embers. When you get them, rake them off, insert potatoes in ashes, rake embers back on top of them, and relax. While the potatoes bake (it takes about an hour and a half) get the girls started on preparing the salad and buttering the rolls. Set out your dishes and enjoy another breathing spell.

Start the onions frying in butter; use a cover on the pan for faster cooking and add more butter from time to time as needed. As the onion-fragrance is wafted down the breeze you'll find your friends returning without delay to the scene of operations. Get the girls to spread the crackers and open the tomato cocktail. Hand them around to the hungry throng and began to reheat the cocoa.

When the onions are practically done, cook the steaks, broiling them for ten minutes in long-handled broilers of the fester variety. Hold them almost directly on top of the glowing embers.

Excavate the potatoes, award the steaks, and smother the whole in onions. As the assemblage gradually regains the power of speech, distribute the rolls, cocoa as requested and salad. Prepare for a chorus of heartfelt compliments.

From now on, the moon may rise and wane; stars may wheel in the heavens—the success of the party is assured.

This bachelor declares that you don't really need dessert at this picnic. But the marshmallows, he says, have a way of disappearing. Song and story will come in due season. Dishes can simmer in a pan or be forgotten. Here's to masculine picnics—long may they flourish!

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Australia's Canteen Cooks

By Olwen Francis

The other morning, before the early office rush, I met my very attractive young neighbour staggering down our shady suburban street in Sydney. With her husband in Palestine, and her two boys both ardent navy leaguers, she has thrown herself with all her lovely fervour into women's war work. "Night session at All Services Canteen," she answered my uplifted eyebrows, "and last-minute breakfast rush for the Air Force on leave."

I felt partly responsible, but quite happily so, for the scheme in which my young neighbour is now participating was started by

myself and the Australian President of the National Council of Women just two years ago, the idea having struck us both in the Sydney Lyceum Club elevator. We had just left a meeting of the newly formed Australian Women's Voluntary Services. We decided it would be a good idea to work out a plan immediately for training women volunteers in large-scale emergency cookery.

Within a month my organisation (the Australian Gas Light Company) was lecturing to eight enrolled groups in our cookery theatres. Each group included 100 members. The scheme has since grown to such an extent that not only the Women's War organisations, but also other bodies have chosen groups of their members to qualify as Canteen Cooks.

This training consists of ten two-hour cookery demonstrations, at the end of which a theory examination is held. From those who qualify in this examination are chosen groups of 12 students to take a practical cookery course of eight three-hour periods. The lectures in this course are based on a three-fold plan and deal with Kitchen Organisation, Food Requirements, and the Basic Principles of Cookery.

Immediately after the declaration of War many of these trainees in Sydney and in other capital cities—they now number several thousand—who have qualified by examination—had the opportunity for practical experience in large-scale catering. In Sydney, the Church Hut for men of the Army, Navy and Air Force on leave was built in the grounds of St. Andrew's Cathedral. The Anzac Buffet was opened in Hyde Park almost in the shadow of Australia's great War Memorial. The Women's All Services Canteen is open all night and day at the Central Railway Station. These and other centres are all staffed with voluntary cooks and waitresses, and meals are served daily.



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Porter).

2.00 p.m.—Eddie Carroll & His Music.

Fox-Trot—There Won't Be Any Spring
(film 'The Flying Trapeze').Waltz—Marie Louise (film 'The Fly-
ing Trapeze').

Swing Fox-Trot—Monotony.

Romantic Waltz Medley—Intro:
Diane; My Buddy; Was it a Dream?Sweet Memories—Intro: Just a
Memory; The Love Nest; Just a
Cottage Small; Blue Room.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.6.47 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur
and His Band.Fox-Trots—Little Drummer Boy;
Once in a While.Rumba—Six Lessons from Madame
La Zonga.Fox-Trots—All Over The Place; Poor
Little Angelina; Saddle Your Blues
to a Wild Mustang.

Slow Fox-Trot—Imagination.

Quickstep—I Haven't Time To Be A
Millionaire (from 'If I Had My
Way').Fox-Trots—Tears from My Inkwell;
You Grow Sweeter as the Years
go By.

7.20 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Duets—Have You Seen My
Chickens? (The Chicken Duet—
Longstaffe); Oh Sarah! Oh 'Enery!
(Longstaffe)...Tommy Handley
and Jean Allistone with Orchestra.Piano—Happy As The Day Is Long
(bo'h from 'The Cotton Club Re-
view')...Ramona and Roy Barry.Humorous Monologue—The Scout-
master (Tilley)...John Tilley.Organ—Torch Parade No. 2—Intro:
The Woodpecker Song; Too roman-
tic; A nightingale sang in Berkeley
Square; Arm in arm; If I should
fall in love again; You gorgeous
dancing doll...Sidney Torch.Novelty—Jack Hylton Throws A
Party—Guests: Tommy Handley,
Jack Barry, Nelson Keys, Hilda
Mundy & Billy Caryl; Freddie Fox,
The Swingtette, Peggy Bell, Tom
Webster and Jack Hylton's Boys.Trio & Vocal—Yodel In Swing (Ray-
Prince)...Sid Phillips Trio with
the Greene Sisters.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Piano Recital by Egon Petri,
Sonata in F Sharp Major (Beethoven).

SOHO WAITER WAS PARATROOP HERO

FOR 20 YEARS before the war Fortunato Pic-
chi was one of the hundreds of Italian waiters in
Soho.Lots of people knew him, for
he was efficient, and he had that
type of smile which makes you
take an instinctive like to a man.But he would never have won
fame for that.Now, however, his name is one
of the foremost on the scroll of
heroes who died—are dying daily
—in the Battle for Freedom.For Fortunato Picchi was the
waiter who turned parachutist
—the Italian who went with
the British paratroops as guide
and comrade in their famous
raid last February on the toe
of Italy.

Interned

The war for Fortunato was not
just a fight by the British against
the Germans and Italians. It was,
he knew, the fight for freedom—
freedom for Italians and Germans
as well as for Czechs and Poles
and the rest.When Mussolini stabbed France
in the back, Fortunato was thrust
into the Isle of Man internment
camp with other Italians.But that did not suit Picchi the
waiter, who had always hated
Mussolini and Fascism.A few months ago he volun-
teered to serve England in any
capacity designed to wreck the
Duce's war effort.So, Picchi the waiter became
Picchi the Parachutist—in spite
of his 44 years, in spite of the
fact that he knew his fellow-
countrymen would label him
"traitor" if he was captured.Knowing the Calabrian region
of Italy thoroughly, he was able
to lead the British paratroops
quickly to the places where they
could strike the deadliest blows.

Captured

Most of our paratroops got
away, after wrecking important
objectives in the area.

But Fortunato Picchi did not.

Captured by Fascist troops, he
was recognised and denounced,
and sentenced to death."He was shot as a traitor at a
place near Rome," said the Ita-
lian announcement."When he faced that firing-
squad, I'm sure he died with aOp. 78)—1st Mov. Adagio cantabile;
Allegro ma non troppo. 2nd Mov.
Allegro vivace.

Indianisches Tagebuch (Busoni).

8.51 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci
(Soprano).
Bolero—Les Filles De Cadix (Delibes).
Chanson Indoue (Sadko)—Rimsky-
Korsakov.
The Gypsy and the Bird (Benedict).9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.9.02 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
Medea—Overture (Cherubini)...
Millan Symphony Orchestra.
"The Love of the Three Oranges"—
March and Scherzo (Prokofiev, Op.
33a)...Serge Koussevitzky and the
Boston Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Tartini—Sonata for Violin
and Piano ('Devil's Trill')...Yehudi
Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accom-
paniment by Arthur Balsam.9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on
Short Wave only).9.45 p.m.—Bach—Concerto in A Major.
1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Larghet-
to; 3rd Mov. Allegro ma con tanto
Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His
Chamber Orchestra.10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
and News Commentary.10.15 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 3
in E Flat Major, Op. 55 "Eroica".
1st Mov. Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov.
Adagio assai; 3rd Mov. Scherzo
(Allegro Vivace); 4th Mov. Finale
(Allegro molto) Symphony
Orchestra conducted by Albert
Coates.11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of
Many Things".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

smile on his lips," one of his
friends said."Ever since Mussolini got into
power his only thought was how
he could avenge the free Italy
recently.That is why this was published
yesterday.Picchi.—On Palm Sunday,
1941, Fortunato Picchi sacrificed
his life for the cause of free-
dom. A brave man of high
ideals. Until the day breaks,
dear.—F. R.I.P.For the time being Italian free-
dom remains buried, but its spirit
lives—"at a place near Rome."And when it is resurrected the
name of Fortunato Picchi will be
written up beside that of Gari-
baldi.

BED IN A BARN 30/-

For permission to sleep
in a barn in a village near
Bristol, a bombed-out
family—father, mother
and two children—were
asked 30s., said Alderman
Charles Gill, chairman of
Bristol Housing Commit-
tee, recently.He quoted other cases of extor-
tion in West Country villages.One couple were paying £6 a
week for board and lodging. In
another instance £2 was being
charged for a double-bedded room
without board.A charge of four guineas a
week was made in another village
for modest board and lodging.

Two Rooms, 35/-

Mr. A. G. Heard said things
were the same all over the coun-
try. His niece had been paying
35s. for two rooms in a cottage,
and when her husband had to take
up work in another district they
had to pay 30s. for two rooms in
a council house.Alderman R. M. Lyne suggested
proceedings should be taken
against people paying excessive
rents as well as those demanding
or receiving them. One heard of
people finding out that others
were paying, say, 30s. a week, and
offering £2 to the landlord if he
would turn out the other tenants.Alderman Gill said he had told
people that even if they had made
an agreement, and the rent was
excessive, it was not binding.

THE HEN AND THE LAMB SAT BY FIRE

Strange animals are be-
ing adopted as domestic
pets. Pigs, hens, sheep,
lambs, rabbits and mon-
keys are now taking the
place of dogs and cats in
some homes.There have even been cases re-
ported of lion cubs, baby chim-
panzees, and a bear being taken
into private homes.Some of the owners are obtain-
ing farm animals and birds to
help in the production of food,
and others are giving homes to
animals affected by the closing of
private zoos.A small pig is the pet of a
Hampshire household. At one
home, I saw a lamb and a hen
sitting by the dining-room fire.
At another, a hen was having
a meal at the dining table with
the rest of the family.At a third, a rabbit was asleep
on the drawing-room sofa.In each case the owners told
me that if they treated these pets
in the same way as dogs, the
creatures soon became remarkably
tame and intelligent.

MEN WHO SAVED SINKING SHIPS

Feats of coolness and bravery by officers and men of the merchant navy while under enemy attack by plane and submarine are recognised by awards made known the other night.

Capt. Nelson Rice, master, and Mr. Albert George Johnson, chief engineer, of a "most valuable ship with a vitally important cargo," who saved their vessel without any outside aid, are made Officers of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Capt. Rice's ship was torpedoed. Though the ship was listing, she was trimmed and brought back on an even keel. In spite of the ship's instability, the master by resolute and skilful seamanship kept her afloat.

Repair Feat

Chief Engineer Thomas J. Bowen, of New Quay, Cardigan-shire, becomes an M.B.E. His ship was one of a convoy attacked by five enemy aircraft which dropped 12 bombs and so damaged the steering gear that the ship was out of control. She collided with another merchantman.

Mr. Bowen and his staff at once set to work to repair the damage, though the machinery space was being rapidly flooded and the bilge pumps jammed. The ship was saved and taken into port.

A similar honour is bestowed upon Mr. Alexander Mackay of Dover Street, Glasgow, chief engineer of a ship carrying many passengers which was torpedoed. Mr. Mackay kept the ship afloat.

Women Win M.M.

Miss Joan Mortimer, sergeant in the W.A.A.F., showed such courage when enemy bombers raided her Fighter Command station that she was awarded the Military Medal—but she said she was "horribly nervous" when she went to a recent Buckingham Palace investiture to receive the medal from the King.

Miss Mortimer, who is 28, operated a telephone during the raid, passed instructions to defence posts, and when the raid was over pegged out with red flags all the places on the aerodrome where there were unexploded bombs. Before the war she was a Conservative women's organiser for the Eastern area.

Another woman from the same station, Sergt. Helen Turner, also received the Military Medal. She stayed at her post at a telephone switchboard until the building caught fire and she was ordered to leave.

MARRIED IN STREET—

On the day after a recent air raid on Plymouth two couples were married by the registrar, Mr. Walter Naylor, in the street outside the register office.

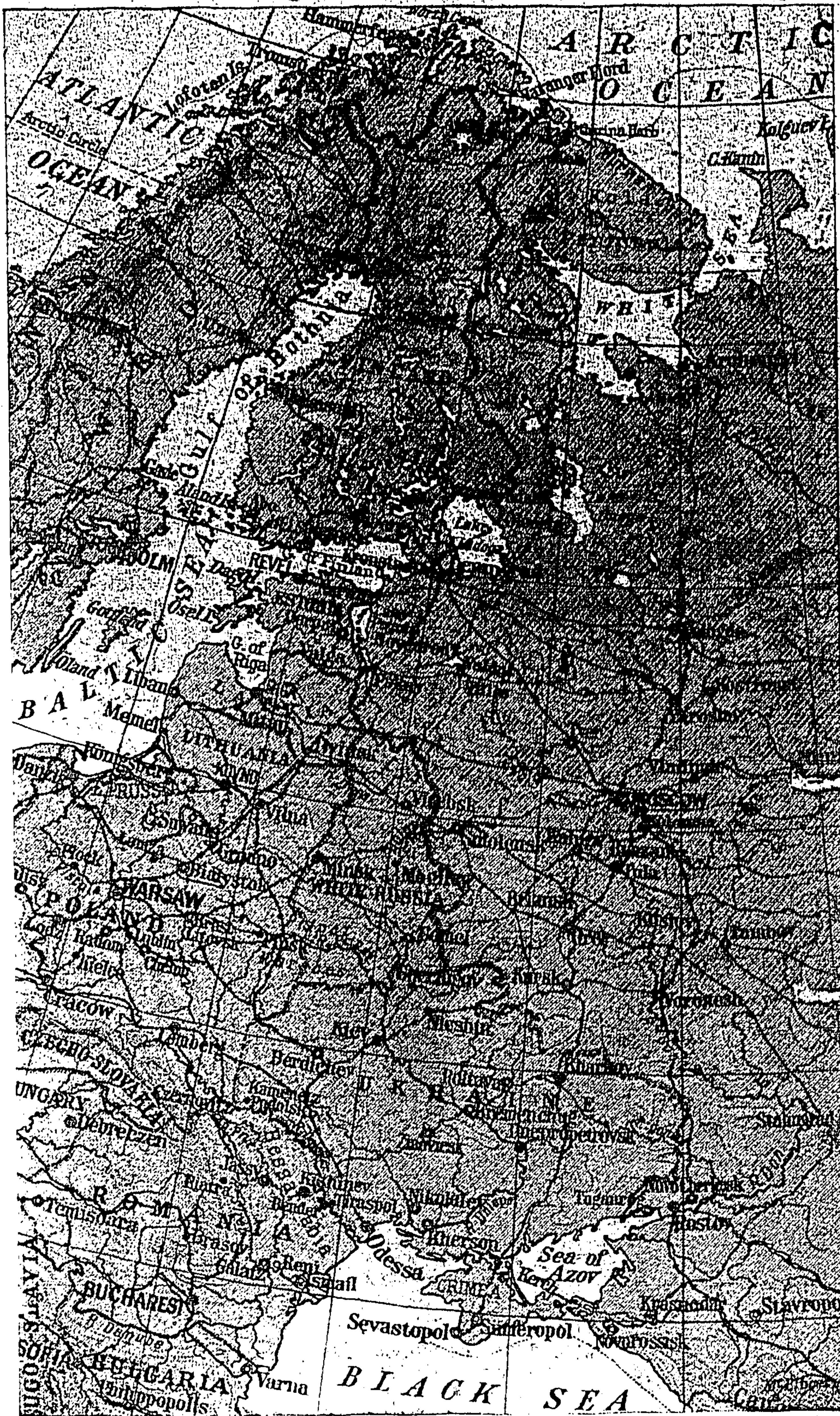
The office had been burned overnight, it was disclosed as the weddings took place while beams and window frames still smouldered.

To comply with the law the couples entered the building to speak the contracting words. As the registrar was in a hurried state the marriages were recorded on plain sheets of paper, which have since been included in the official records.

In Church Porch

When a couple arrived at a London church to be married they found that it had been burned during the night.

They were married in a porch after it had been cleared of debris. Although the church bell crashed the vicar went on with the service while men moved about with ladders.



NAZIS RUN DANES INTO HEAVY DEBT

INFORMATION REACHING the United States Department of Commerce reveals that Denmark—which since the German occupation has had to kill off much of the country's livestock because of the lack of feeding stuff—is now heavily in debt. In return for her exports to Germany she is accumulating worthless credits.

Meanwhile the national industrial activity was one of the first effects of the Nazi occupation. Stocks of raw materials are dwindling and many leading factories engaged in widely different industries are on the verge of closing.

Denmark's former export trade with Britain provided her with a yearly surplus of about £13,000,000, which she used to import feeding stuff, fertilisers and raw materials.

The war-time "trade" with Germany, although on paper heavily in Denmark's favour, has provided her with nothing but credits she cannot use.

From Germany she can get coal and coke, iron and steel products, machinery, textiles and other manufactured goods, but she cannot get feeding stuff.

Because of lack of fodder the nation's pigs are being reduced by half and the poultry by three-quarters.

Reduction in the herds of cattle has already resulted in a heavy decline in butter and milk production.

A substantial drop in Danish

unemployment is mounting and offices have been established in a number of Danish cities and towns for the recruitment of workers willing to go to Germany.

Twenty thousand Danes are reported to be working in Germany already.

The Danish commercial shipping fleet was one of the greatest sources of national income before the war. To-day, one-third of Denmark's merchant fleet of about 750 ships are in foreign ports, chiefly in the United States, one-third are in the hands of Britain and the remainder are in Danish harbours, where they find few opportunities for profitable service.

TRAINING WOMEN DRIVERS

The Mechanised Transport Corps, which trains volunteer women drivers for Government departments, Allied Legations, the Home Guard and hospital and ambulance services, is appealing for funds so that it may start new units in 11 regions.

Founded two years ago with 40 members, the corps now numbers 2,000. Several units worked with the Fourth French Army. Drivers are out day and night, often in conditions of the utmost danger.

Members provide their own uniforms; many of them supply their own cars and pay their own expenses. But ambulances and cars have to be replaced, and much equipment was lost in the collapse of France.

The corps receives no Government grant or public money. To carry on the work money is urgently needed.

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3 NEWCOMERS TO H.K. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Combined Artillery, Lanford And Tung Yee

HOLDERS HAVE EASY WIN IN COLONY RINKS MATCH

Two rinks and a pairs match in the Colony Bowls Championships were decided last evening when players found the greens at the various clubs rather on the slow side after the heavy rain. Play, however, was maintained at a fairly high standard and though two of the matches (one rinks and the pairs game) were one-sided, the tussle between A. Hyde-Lay (R. P. Phillips, P. A. Peckham, J. E. Henson) and E. C. Fincher (S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, A. W. Smith) was very evenly contested.

In view of the fact that almost every green was fit for play, it was surprising that more players did not take advantage of the opportunity to catch up with the programme that has been so much delayed by bad weather. It is understood, however, that a few more games will be decided this evening.

Hyde-Lay's Good Start

At Kowloon Football Club Hyde-Lay beat Fincher by 19-16.

Scoring 2 2 2 1 Hyde-Lay ran away to a comfortable lead but 4 1 1 at the next three ends brought Fincher within 1 shot of the opposing side's score.

Hyde-Lay then got going again and with 2 1 0 0 2 was 10-8 up at the 11th. From this stage onwards the game was very closely contested and scores were tied at 15-all at the 19th. Then Hyde-Lay got a four but Fincher only managed a single at the last to give the K.B.G.C. rink victory after an excellent game.

Holders Win Easily

Scoring at 16 ends, C. S. Roselet's rink (R. Baan, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) holders, beat a rink skipped by E. G. Post (J. Forrest, J. Orem and J. C. S. Fender) by 20 shots to 10 at Hong Kong Football Club.

The holders scored at the first six ends, including a four at the fourth, to lead 10-0 before the Police rink replied with a singleton. The Craigengower rink then scored 1 1 3 3 1 1 to lead 21-1 at the 14th, but at this stage Police four scored 3 0 1 0 1 to reduce the lead to 23-6. After conceding another three Post chalked up four at the last end to reach double figures.

In the only game yesterday in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, W. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom,



Lee Tak-kee, reserve centre-forward in South China's touring football team, at present in Malaya, is meeting with great success as a right-winger.

of Kowloon Docks, beat M. A. Baptista and G. S. Ladd of Craigengower Cricket Club, by 30 shots to 16 at Civil Service Cricket Club.

Baptista and Ladd started with a single but a five at the fourth gave the Dock pair a 6-2 lead. A single and five at the 8th and 9th ends, respectively gave the Valley pair a 11-8 lead, this being the last time they held the lead.

Williamson and Thom then registered a six and a three, while the opposition were only able to follow with three singles.

The Dock pair then scored 5 2 1 3 1 1 to lead 30-14 at the 20th. Baptista and Ladd scored a two at the last. The Dock pair scored at 11 ends.

13 CLUBS ENTER 1st DIVISION

THREE NEW CLUBS HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, ENTRIES FOR WHICH CLOSED ON MONDAY.

The new clubs are Combined Royal Artillery, Lanford Club, and Tung Yee Club.

In First Division of the League 13 clubs have entered, and of these Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers are newcomers. Royal Artillery entered the Senior Shield Competition last season and were beaten by Eastern in the First Round, while Engineers have figured prominently in Second Division for a number of years.

In Second Division Lanford, Royal Artillery and Eastern are the new applicants. Royal Artillery were represented last season by 30th Battery.

Newcomer to Third Division Tung Yee.

Following are the clubs who will be taking part in the various divisions, club secretaries and divisions in which they are entered are in brackets:—

- Sing Tao Sports Club (T. Y. Poon, 1st and 2nd divisions).
- Royal Navy (Comdr. H. C. Millett, 1st and 2nd divisions).
- Royal Air Force (Secretary not yet appointed, 3rd division).
- Royal Scots (Lieut. McBell, 1st and 2nd divisions).
- Police (N. B. Fraser, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Royal Corps of Signals (Lt. T. Patterson, M.B.E., 2nd and 3rd divisions).

Combined Royal Artillery (Lieut. H. G. Camp, R.A., 1st, 2nd and several teams in 3rd division).

Kwong Wah (W. J. Brown, 1st and 2nd divisions).

R.A.M.C. (Pte. F. E. Florence, 3rd division).

Hong Kong Football Club (E. L. Strange, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Middlesex Regt. (Capt. C. M. Man, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Kowloon F.C. (A. E. Eastman, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Tung Yee (Sze Po-wai, 3rd division).

R.A.S.C. (S.Q.M. S. G. Wood, 2nd and 3rd divisions).

Kit Chee (Sung Che-yin, 2nd division).

Royal Engineers (Lt. Sgt. Whelan, 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions).

Shell Sports Club (D. E. dos Santos, 3rd division).

Eastern (Sze Po-wai, 1st and 2nd divisions).

St. Joseph's (C. A. Goldenberg, 1st division).

South China (Charles Ying, 1st and 2nd divisions and probably 3rd division).

International Athletic Club, who have been playing in Third Division for the past two years, have not sought affiliation.

RECREIO BOWLS SCHEME

Club de Recreio are embarking on a scheme to give their novice lawn bowlers as much match experience as possible to nurse them for League games in the future, and to this end are endeavouring to arrange as many matches as possible, two or three rinks, with clubs who are not engaged in the League on Saturdays.

Amongst those who are taking an active interest in these friendly matches are A. A. Roza, E.A.R. Alves, P. Ferreira and A. Prata while P. Yvanovich, who plays in Third Division, gives help and encouragement in the way of advice to the budding bowlers.

Damage done by the typhoon threat to the Colony on Monday included the wreckage of part of the corrugated iron fencing round the Kowloon Football Club ground and some "slight disfigurement" to the baseball stand at Chatham Road. Fortunately, however, in neither case was the damage very great.

V.R.C. TRIAL TO-NIGHT

Victoria Recreation Club are holding a trial this evening at 7 p.m. to select their team for the swimming gala against Lai Tsun on Saturday, July 12.

BIG RINKS GAME IS POSTPONED

The Second Round game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship between rinks skipped by U. M. Omar and A. M. Holland, which was abandoned last Sunday after only three ends, and which was to have been continued to-day will be played on Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

Omar's rink (A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and B. W. Bradbury) are leading A. M. Holland's four (W. L. Walker, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie) by 4 shots to 1.

FISHING ONE WAY OF MAKING USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

A local sportsman, who for reasons of his own does not desire his name mentioned, has struck upon a happy plan to spend the prolonged evenings as the result of daylight saving.

Paying a visit to one of the native shipyards in Shaukiwan village he managed, after much haggling and bargaining, to place an order for a 14-foot sampan, complete with compartments for the storage of fish (he hopes to catch quite a few), for the princely sum of \$80.

A visit to a second-hand engine dealer's was next on the programme and for a mere song he

acquired a marine engine of about 1½ h.p.

The result, he hopes, should be quite a comfortable "yacht" and as a precaution against the engine falling any time, he has also equipped the boat with a sail and will also ship a pair of oars whenever he goes out in her.

He has kept the day of the launching a dark secret but information received indicates that the great event will be held during the week-end when, to the accompaniment of fire-crackers and great celebrations the worthy vessel will put to sea.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following are to-day's Fourth Division League Tennis fixtures and some of the teams:—

A.T.C.	v.	C.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v.	P.O.R.C. (2)
J.R.C.	v.	C.C.C.
F.C.	v.	S.C.A.A.
C.B.A.	v.	K.I.T.C.

S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.

C.B.A.—T. Tomashevsky and D. T. Smith; N. Whitley and V. C. Bond; B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert.

C.R.C.—T. M. Wong and T. Y. Liang; L. N. Tsang and T. J. Choi; C. Y. Tso and Chan Yiu.

J.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Sulland.

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UNIVERSITY BADMINTON COACHING

LADY UNDERGRADUATES AT UNIVERSITY ARE SHOWING MORE INTEREST IN SPORT THAN THEY HAVE DONE HITHERTO. FOLLOWING UPON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY ARE BEING COACHED AT TENNIS BY MRS. CHUI CHUN-CHUI, OF C.R.C., COMES THE NEWS THAT THEY ARE NOW TAKING LESSONS IN BADMINTON FROM THE UNIVERSITY CAPTAIN, S. L. YONG.

Amongst those who have attended "lessons" so far are the Misses Li Wai-kun, Joyce Kok, Peggy Leong, Uheng Koo, Lilian Yip, Beatrice Greaves, May Phyllis Hui, Fatima Mohideen, Peggy Ma, Daphne Ho, Jean Woo and Rosalind Cheng, and more should be heard of them when the next League season gets under way.

Offer To Coach At Clubs

It is learned that the offer by members of University Badminton Club, who won the Badminton League and most of the Colony championships last season, to coach at private clubs has not been taken up and indications are that it will be withdrawn.

It will be remembered that the University Union agreed to appoint a number of coaches, from the ranks of their leading players, when they received applications for coaches during the off season, but for some unaccountable reason the keenness which prompted the applications appear to have died down.



FAMOUS CRICKETER PASSES

Mr. Edward Wentworth Dillon, the brilliant Kent left-hand batsman and England Rugby three-quarter, died recently at the age of 60.

As a Rugby player Mr. Dillon assisted Blackheath. He was capped against Scotland, Ireland, and Wales in 1904, and against Wales in 1905.

MORE SUNDAY MORNING CRICKET

Following on the cricket match between University and Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam last Sunday morning, it is understood that a Combined Schools' team will be "asking for a game" from University in the near future—as soon as the examinations are over.

DICK SHIM OFF TO JAVA

Dick Shim, who was pitcher for South China when they won the Baseball Championship some years ago and who has only just returned to the Colony after an extended business visit to the United States, has again left Hong Kong, his destination this time being Java. He says he will be back shortly and if business conditions permit of his staying here for any length of time, he will take a more active interest in baseball than he had done for some time.



VALLEY GOLF RESULTS

Following are the latest results in the Happy Valley First Summer Foursomes:

SECOND ROUND

Willerton and Price received a walk-over from Bowker and Simmons. Barry and Ahern beat Bellamy and Greaves 5-4. MacFayden and Muir beat C. E. Moore and Lee 1 up. Powell and Buller beat Forrest and Anderson 5-3. Mundy and Stoker beat A. K. MacKenzie and Matthews 2-1. Dennis and Hillier received a walk-over from R. Young and G. M. Park. H. Smith and Greenwood received a walk-over from W. A. Stewart and T. Low. T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat A. H. Penn and Collis 4-3.

THIRD ROUND

Willerton and Barry not yet played. Powell and Buller beat MacFayden and Muir 4-3. Dennis and Hillier beat Mundy and

CHUNG HWA LEAD R.E. 13 TO 9

The League baseball game between Chung Hwa and Royal Engineers at Chatham Road yesterday had to be called off on account of darkness at 8.30 p.m., when the scores stood in favour of the Chinese by 13 runs to 9 at the end of the sixth inning.

The game was delayed by the non-appearance of the official umpires.

Chung Hwa started well and scored six runs on two hits in their initial inning, and by the third had increased the lead to 12-2. Royal Engineers rallied in the fifth, when they scored six runs and at this stage were playing good baseball.

The biggest hit was by Taylor, who hit a two-bagger.

Stoker.

Low and Collings beat Smith and Greenwood at the 19th.

SCALZO LOSES HIS TITLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Richie Lemos, 21-year-old Los Angeles Mexican fighter, won the world's featherweight title on Tuesday night when he knocked out Petey Scalzo in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.—International News Service.

Scalzo had held the title for 13 months.

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, Middlesex "A" beat Middlesex "B" by seven clear goals at the "Y" pool last night. Burde (2), Ure (2), Burdon, Jennings and Jones were the goal-scorers.

S. CHINA HELD TO 4-ALL DRAW

South China football team, at present in Malaya, were held to a four-all draw by Negri Sembilan State at Singapore on Monday.

Lee Wai-tong scored a "hat-trick" and Chan Tak-fai the other goal.

Following are the results of matches played to date by South China during their Malayan tour:—draw with Combined Singapore Chinese 2-2; beat Combined Singapore 3-0; lost to Combined Services 2-4; beat Combined Kuala Lumpur Chinese 3-2; beat Selangor State Team 3-0; beat Perak State Team 3-2; beat Kuala Lumpur Champions 4-2; beat Combined Ipoh 3-0; beat Penang 2-0; beat Penang Indians 4-1; beat United Services 11-0; drew with Negri Sembilan State 4-4. Goals for 40, Against 16.

Goal Scorers:—Lee Wai-tong 16, Chan Tak-fai 9, Lee Shek-yau 6, Lau Chung-sang 5, Lee Tak-kee 2, Chau Man-chi 1 and Wong Ki-jeung 1.

Cambridge University, after an easy passage to the last stage, won the Middlesex Rugby seven-a-side tournament before a crowd of 5,000, defeating a Welsh Army team in the Final at Richmond by two tries, scored by Crichton and Wright, to nil.

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CRYPTIC TOKYO HINT OF FOREIGN POLICY

Statement Does Not Carry Situation Further

BURMA-CHINA RAILWAY PROJECT

Mr. Strickland, in charge of the Kunlong border extension, has arrived at Lashio with a staff for the construction of a telephone line along the railway project. Other engineers from England and America are expected.—Reuter.

CHINA'S NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

Dr. Wellington Koo, China's new Ambassador to Great Britain, arrived in London last night to take up his duties.

He had travelled by air from Lisbon where, since leaving Vichy, he had been waiting several weeks to receive the credentials of the two secretaries he takes with him. He was met at the airport by Dr. W. H. Chen, Councillor of the Embassy, who has been

Japanese Press Urges Boldness

NO AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LONDON REGARDING THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF POLICY ENUNCIATED YESTERDAY MORNING, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

Obviously the statement will require careful study and consideration. In the meantime there seems to be a certain lack of any clearly formulated policy as the statement does not seem to carry the situation much further, or clarify the immediate intentions of the Japanese Government.

charge d'affaires since Mr. Quo Tai-chi left to take up the post of Foreign Minister.

Dr. Koo was greeted at the station by Sir John Monck, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, who represented Mr. Anthony Eden.

Dr. Koo declined to discuss the Russo-German war on the ground he had not had sufficient time to consider a reasoned statement. "But," he said, "I hope to do this in a day or two when I have had time to settle down."

There seems little doubt that the statement is not unconnected with the recognition of the Nanking government by Germany and her Axis satellites.

Simultaneously, the action taken by these states, at this particular juncture, suggests that the move was prompted by Japan.

If Germany has, therefore, acceded to the Japanese request, it is probable that some quid pro quo is expected.

WHAT SHAPE IT WILL TAKE MUST BE A MATTER OF SPECULATION—IT IS NOT DISCLOSED BY THE JAPANESE STATEMENT OF POLICY.—REUTER.

Demand For Boldness

While commending the authorities for the quick decision on Japanese policy to cope with the the new international situation arising from the Russo-German war, the "Nichi Nichi" and "Hochi" stress the burning question now is whether the Japanese leaders are prepared to display the requisite degree of resolve, expedition and determination to translate the programme into deeds.

The "Hochi" says the Russo-German bombshell is an even more sensational shock than the announcement of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact.

It says the need for boldness is apparent since Japan is now virtually isolated from her Axis ally and consequently Japan must rely upon self help for a solution of the crisis.

The "Yomiuri," discussing the Anglo-American reaction to developments, says the U.S. has sufficiently clarified its attitude through brazen acts of war such as aiding General Chiang Kai-shek, closing the Panama Canal and strengthening warlike preparations from Singapore to the N.E.I. and Australia.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW IN NORWAY

A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED BY THE GERMAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF NORTHERN NORWAY AND MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN SOME DISTRICTS. ACCORDING TO S.W.E.D.I.S.H. NEWSPAPERS QUOTED BY THE NORWEGIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY.

There have also been extensive round-ups of persons suspected of sympathy with Russia and two new concentration camps have been established in isolated districts and already contain several hundred Norwegians, mostly members of the Labour movement.—Reuter.

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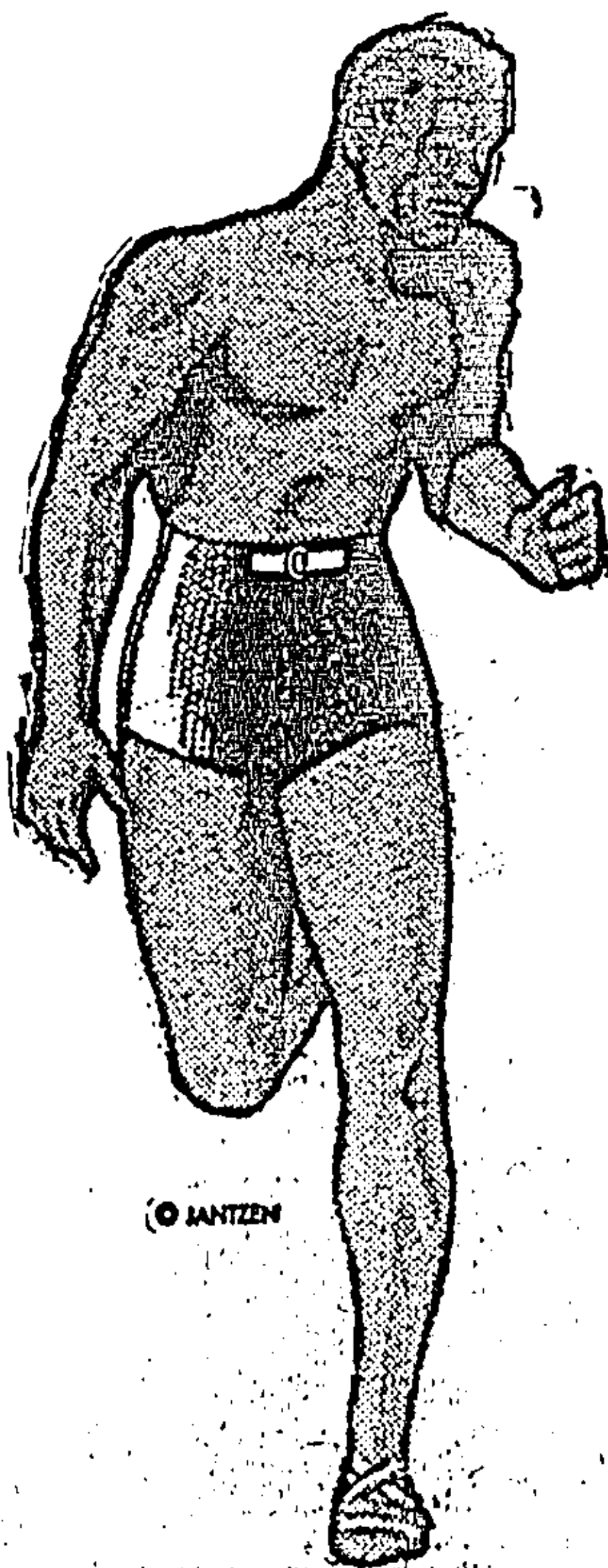
The German High Command last night issued an announcement—dated from Hitler's headquarters—claiming a "decision of great importance" in the battle east of Bialystok, where large Soviet forces are stated to have been surrounded.

The announcement states: "It is becoming more and more clear that the battle of annihilation east of Bialystok has resulted in a decision of the greatest importance for world history."

"Indescribable" chaos has overtaken the Soviet army, it alleges.

The announcement then lists alleged Soviet losses there and in other sectors of the front from June 22 to July 1 as 5,774 armoured cars, 2,330 guns and A.A. guns, four armoured trains, an "innumerable" quantity of machine-guns and rifles, 4,725 planes and 160,000 prisoners.

"With the stubborn resistance put up by the Soviet forces and their determined efforts to break through, the number killed will be many times higher than the prisoners," concludes the announcement, adding: "Our own losses on the whole remain fortunately small."—Reuter.



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RUSSIAN ARMY HOLDING FIRM In North And East Of Minsk

Vichy Tanks Smashed

About two-thirds of the Vichy tanks which took part in an unsuccessful counter-attack at Nebek were destroyed by Allied tanks and anti-tank guns.

The position recaptured by the Allies at Palmyra lies north of the axis.

Newly-arrived British reinforcements aided the operation. There is no sign of a Vichy attempt to relieve the enemy beleaguered in Palmyra.—Reuter.

Russian Warning

Moscow radio last evening gave an urgent warning to the Soviet people against the spreading of rumours likely to undermine the nation's morale. THE ANNOUNCER RECALLED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE

Germans Still Making Big Claims

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A DETERMINED GERMAN-FINNISH DRIVE IS BEING PUSHED DOWN THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS 75 MILES FROM LENINGRAD BUT THE RED ARMIES ARE HOLDING FIRM BEFORE MURMANSK, IN THE ARCTIC, KEXHOLM, ON THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, AND EAST OF MINSK.

A communique issued from Stalin's headquarters finally confirms the evacuation of Lwow.

It says: "In the direction of Murmansk our troops by fierce fighting are stemming the advance of numerically superior enemy forces.

"In the direction of Kexholm, on the western shore of Lake Ladoga, enemy offensives were launched at several points. Vigorous counter-attacks by our troops repulsed the enemy and inflicted heavy losses.

"Our troops are retreating according to plan and, in accordance with orders, have left Lwow.

"Fifty-six German planes were shot down against 17 of ours. In one day alone the Germans lost 50 tanks.

"All attempts by Rumanian and German troops to penetrate Bessarabian territory were broken up."

link chain from Riga to Lwow, the Germans claim a million Red troops are trapped, with Nazi annihilation units closing in.

Riga Dramatisation

The German capture of Riga was announced dramatically over Riga radio by a German officer who leaped to the microphone and shouted "Riga has been liberated."

Meanwhile heavy fighting is reported in Stockholm all along the Finn-Estonian, Latvian and (Continued on Page 16)

MOSCOW'S WAR CABINET

The formation of the Committee of Five for national defence has come at a psychological moment, it is considered in Moscow. Many factory meetings have been held acclaiming what the British might call the "War Cabinet." — Reuter.

FALL OF PARIS AND SAID: "FANTASTIC RUMOURS OF IMAGINARY GERMAN VICTORIES WERE SPREAD AND DECISIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FRENCH COLLAPSE." —REUTER.

EIGHTEEN HUNS SHOT DOWN IN DAYLIGHT SWEEP

STRONG FIGHTER forces of the R.A.F. accompanied Blenheim bombers which yesterday afternoon attacked the enemy aerodrome at Merville, near Lille, where bombs were dropped on the runway, aerodrome buildings and among dispersed aircraft.

A railway junction south-east of Lille was also bombed.

These attacks were pressed home in spite of heavy opposition from the ground defences and a large number of enemy fighters which attempted to interfere in the operations.

THESE WERE BEATEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSSES. SO FAR 17 ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. R.A.F. BOMBERS ACCOUNTING FOR TWO OF THESE.

The American Eagle Squadron is credited with three of the enemy fighters shot down.

Two R.A.F. bombers and seven fighters are reported missing.

Latest Figures

Giving further details of the sweep, a later Air Ministry communique says 18 enemy fighters were destroyed—16 by fighters and two by bombers.

The R.A.F. lost two bombers and eight fighters.

R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over Northern France last evening without incident.—Reuter.

Russians Close Gaps

Stressing the violence of the fighting on the Russian front, the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper, "Nationale Zeitung," says that the Russians at many points are fiercely engaging and causing heavy losses to the German forces advancing to support the motorised troops which have pierced the Russian lines in the Minsk sector.

FOREIGN MILITARY CIRCLES IN BERLIN HE STATES ARE WONDERING WHETHER SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS HAVE NOT DISCOVERED A NEW TACTICAL METHOD OF DEALING WITH THE GERMAN ADVANCE.

Berlin Claims

In Berlin, it was stated that simultaneously with the capture of Riga (Latvia) and Luck (Poland), other great blitz columns are ripping the Red lines before Smolensk and Kiev.

Another offensive, it is claimed, carried the Germans east of the River Dvina.

A special Nazi communique, claiming the destruction of 322 Red warplanes in one day, says the Luftwaffe destroyed the Red lines of retreat, smashing troop and rail columns.

The Nazi entry into Riga followed two days of heavy fighting.

Nazi Optimism

Far behind the lines in three gigantic pockets, forming a three-

PANZERS AHEAD OF MAIN ARMY

German units are only 325 miles from Moscow, according to reports reaching Stockholm, says a despatch to the Vichy news agency.

THESE ARE ADVANCE UNITS. THE DESPATCH SAYS, WHICH HAVE THRUST BEYOND MINSK.

This column has left the main Minsk-Smolensk-Moscow road and is apparently aiming at an encircling movement, similar to that carried out east of Bialystok.

MEANWHILE, THESE REPORTS CONTINUE. THE RUSSAINS ARE PREPARING A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.

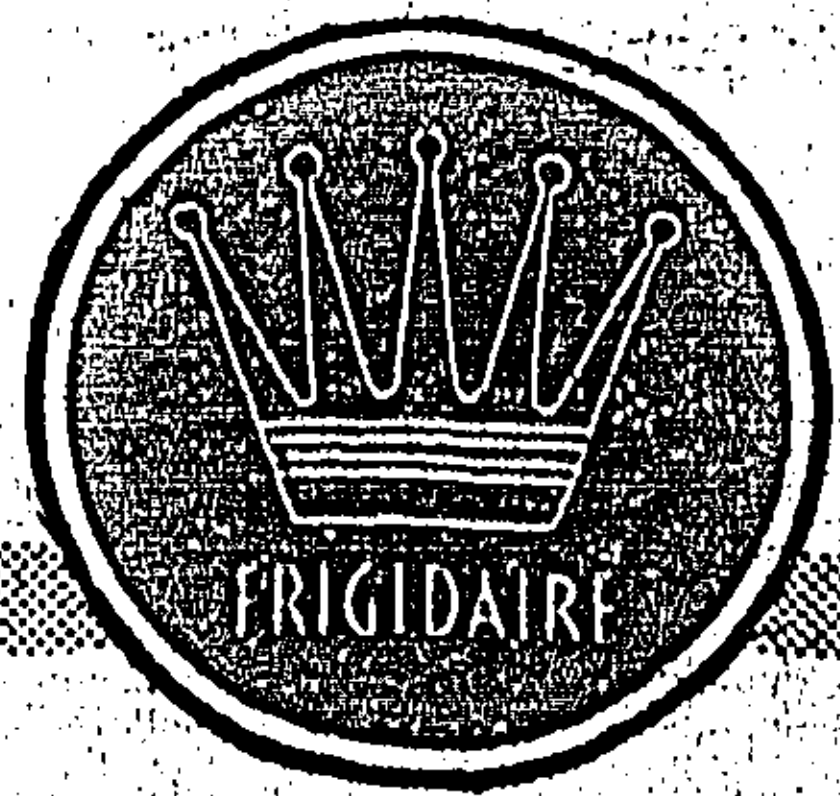
Large Soviet forces are concentrated at Smolensk, 250 miles east of Minsk, and the same distance from Moscow.

The despatch adds that fresh Soviet divisions are ceaselessly moving westwards from Moscow.—Reuter.

GERMAN WEATHER TRAWLER TRAPPED

A German weather-reporting trawler has been sunk and the crew of 22 captured, states an Admiralty communique.

The trawler was intercepted by British forces during a periodical sweep to the northward of Iceland.—Reuter.



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TOUGHNESS OF CHINA

No Wavering In Chungking

"Peace Party" Position

DECISION THIS YEAR FORECAST

"The stakes at issue are the greatest of all time," declared Mr. Richard Casey, Australian Minister to the United States, in a speech to the Institute of Public Affairs at Charlottesville (Va) yesterday.

"They are no less than the future of the world," he added.

"THE WAR WILL NOT END IN 1941 BUT THE ISSUE WILL BE SILENTLY AND FATEFULLY DECIDED IN 1941."

"We in Australia are in no doubt as to what this is about. We all know that if Democracy loses the war we will lose our political and economic freedom and that it is unnecessary for us to be invaded for this to come about."

"This is no more Britain's war than it is Greece's, Norway's and Brazil's war—or yours (the United States)."

"Make no mistake about it, we Australians did not go into the war because of some European dispute. We went in because we realised that if every one of us did not stand by Britain, the writing was on the wall for Democracy and for our way of life and for us."—Reuter.

UNDER THE TITLE "THE TOUGHNESS OF CHINA," "THE TIMES" PUBLISHES FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA A LENGTHY MESSAGE, FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT:

"Although the Chinese were unable to conceal their dismay when the Matsupka pact with Russia was announced, General Chiang Kai-shek himself never wavered."

"Since the outbreak of the war in China his attitude has been that of Mr. Churchill after the fall of France, 'we will fight if necessary for years, if necessary alone.'"

"Nor did any of his supporters really misjudge the future. There was a general feeling in Chungking that China, if not betrayed, had been badly served."

"Unable to believe, however, that Russia would withdraw her active support, the Chinese felt the blow was moral rather than material."

"Peace Party"

"Chief moral effect for which observers waited was the reaction of the 'peace party' in Chungking."

"The peace party, small in numbers, but never quite dormant, is not a party in the usual sense. It has no avowed leader and no cohesion."

"The term has come to include those elements inside and outside the Government, many of

them unknown to each other, who are weary of the hostilities. Their aim is to go home — back to the great cities of the coast."

RAID ON CYPRUS

No damage or casualties are yet reported from a raid by eight enemy planes over the western part of Cyprus yesterday morning.

Bombs were dropped over the Paphos district.—Reuter.

HAINING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

THE WAR OFFICE YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL SIR ROBERT HAINING HAS BEEN APPOINTED INDEPENDENT GENERAL MIDDLE EAST.

It is understood the appointment was made because it was felt that a very senior officer was required in the Middle East to deal with complicated administrative problems which are bound to arise.

The appointment takes effect from May 19.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW BOMBS AMAZING

When you read that Britain's new "beautiful" bombs "sent whole buildings into the air," you are reading nothing but the truth.

A heavy bomber pilot, who has dropped them and seen the result, gave his word for it.

When he dropped the first one he was "so amazed I circled round to watch, got caught in searchlights, and was nearly shot down."

He was Flight-Lieut. Harvey, speaking at the opening of Eastbourne War Weapons Week, where he represented the R.A.F.

JOE LOUIS SUED FOR DIVORCE

JOE LOUIS, WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION, IS BEING SUED FOR DIVORCE BY HIS WIFE, MARIA TROTTER LOUIS, ON THE GROUND OF CRUELTY.

Mrs. Louis alleges the "Brown Bomber" struck her first on January 2 this year and again on April 10, on which date she separated from him.

The couple were married in September, 1935.—Reuter.

BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH AXIS PROCLAIMED

DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued the following statement last night, announcing China's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy.

Recognition of the puppet regime in Nanking by the German and Italian Governments amounts to an extension of their aggressive policy to the Far East and proves beyond doubt that these countries have unreservedly cast their lot with China's enemy.

"Knowing as they do that the Nanking puppet regime is but a creature of the Japanese militarists, the Nazi Government of Germany and the Fascist Government of Italy in according recognition thereto have committed a gross injustice to China and have thereby forfeited any claim to friendship of the Chinese Government and people."

"The step thus taken by these Axis Powers has made it abundantly clear that the forces of aggression have been further consolidated into one bloc bent on the destruction of human freedom and civilisation."

China Proud

"It is, however, gratifying to note that these evil forces are being heroically and resolutely opposed and resisted by a group of Powers which, having steadily increased in number and in strength, are drawn even closer by their love of peace and freedom in the face of a common menace."

"China is proud of her record and role in this anti-aggression crusade. Despite unprecedented difficulties, China has consistently observed good faith in all her international dealings. China is determined to continue the struggle in close cooperation with her friends till our common cause is vindicated."

"In pursuance of the official declaration repeatedly made on previous occasions the Chinese Government now declares that China's diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy are hereby severed."—Central News.

To Indo-China Border

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed the two Embassies that the Chinese Government will give them every facility for their withdrawal. The Chinese Government will escort them as far as the Kwangsi-French Indo-China border.

Chungking Garrison Headquarters and the Chungking Municipal Government have been asked to give German and Italian residents protection prior to their

withdrawal. Local authorities under whose jurisdiction German and Italian residents may be found have been requested to give them protection while they are there.

Regarding the German news agencies in Chungking, namely, D.N.B. and Transocean, the spokesman said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would take the necessary steps. "We have no agencies in Germany or Italy, so the question does not exist for us," the official spokesman added.—Central News.

MANY JEWS SEIZED IN FRANCE UNDER PARIS AND VICHY ORDERS

REPORTS RECEIVED in Vichy from Paris said that 5,000 foreign Jews were arrested in the Capital of the Occupied Zone and sent to concentration camps.

Informed quarters said the Jews, described as able-bodied men between 17 and 40 years old of Polish, Czech, and Austrian origin, were aroused at 3 a.m. in the morning and moved to assembly centres. Members of their families were sent back to get luggage, including bedding, toilet articles, and food for 24 hours.

The Jews then were loaded into five trains after a medical examination and taken to Lorient, where they were distributed to three concentration camps in the region.

Authorities said they would be used in work on public projects. According to the report pub-

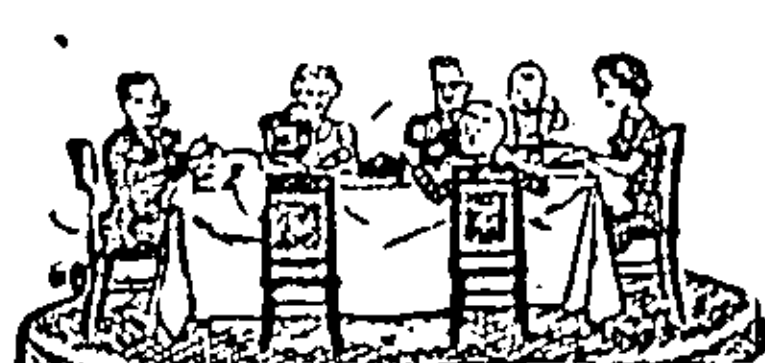
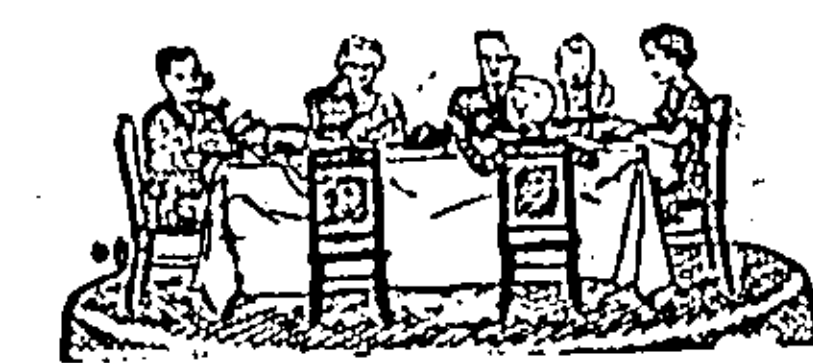
lished in Paris, authorities said the measures were taken "in accordance with the law, October 4, 1940."

This law could not be found in collections of statutes in Vichy. A law of October 3 fixed the status of Jews but said nothing permitting them to be interned in labour camps.

Another law of that period permitted such action against destitute, able-bodied foreign men, but did not discriminate against Jews.

Another report said 800 out of 1,000 foreign physicians, whose cases had been examined, were forbidden to continue practice. There are about 4,000 practicing foreign doctors in France.

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Pressure For Decision One Way Or Another

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S HOPE THAT AMERICA CAN STAY OUT OF THE WAR, EXPRESSED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, SUPPLIED THE BACKGROUND OF SECRETARY OF NAVY KNOX'S PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN THE LIGHT OF HIS RECENT URGENT APPEAL FOR ACTION.

At his press conference yesterday Col. Knox stated emphatically that no United States vessels on Atlantic patrols had been used for convoy purposes nor had any become involved in combat, and there had been no loss of life, crew or loss of equipment.

Questioned about the Congress criticism of his demand that America should sweep the Nazi menace from the Atlantic, Col. Knox refused to add anything further but admitted he certainly held to what he had said.

THE MORE RESPONSIBLE EDITORIAL WRITERS ARE WORRIED AND SAY SO FRANKLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION.

Arthur Krock, veteran Washington correspondent of the "New York Times," says that on the surface a member of the President's Cabinet is publicly advocating a policy contrary to his chief's calling for war, which the President hopes to avert.

"This," says Krock, "is criticism to the point of insubordination."

The Answer

Krock adds, however, that Col. Knox enjoys both the confidence and trust of the President and says the only answer to why Col. Knox continues to point out that the President's hesitation is at the peril of the national security, is that the President himself has okayed this action of Col. Knox in the hope that the discussion which was bound to arise would put the nation, which at present is divided, behind an eventual decision.

In other words, says Krock, this is a series of scouting expeditions into the public mind and points out incidentally that President Roosevelt has done nothing to implement his promise that the goods must and will be delivered to Britain.

More—On Less

"Give us facts," says the "Baltimore Sun," adding that members of the Cabinet should either say less or more than Col. Knox had done.

The "Sun" continues with a plea to go ahead firmly and vigorously in execution of a policy on which America acts openly—Britain is an ally as well as a friend, rather than to isolation, although not wanted by the people, than to falter.

An overwhelming majority have decided on full effective aid to Britain and production must be followed by delivery, and if delivery is not being made, then the people must be told so and told the necessary remedies.

Harbinger Of Action?

Let the American people know, says the "Sun," what they need to know for their protection, and let them have leadership in any steps needed for their protection.

The "Washington Post" hopes Col. Knox's speech is the harbinger of action, and says, if Hitler succeeds in Europe, the American continent will begin to break up.

America's voice in the world would then become a whisper but there is still time to tell Hitler's object to achieve an empire with which to terrorise the rest of the world.

The desperate gamble Hitler is making in Russia, calls imperatively for Britain and America

to strike a blow which would deliver both countries from the present harness to Mars, the "Post" concludes.—Reuter.

BONUS TO CANADIAN WORKERS

Nearly 3,000,000 workers in Canada should be paid a cost of living bonus—this statement of the Canadian Government's policy was made yesterday by Mr. McLarty, the Labour Minister.

The statement was made in Ottawa after the Labour Mediation Board, dealing with a dispute between railway companies and employees, recommended a cost of living bonus in some but not all wage levels.

Mr. McLarty said the Board's finding was rejected because all workers represented before the Board should be treated alike. While not mandatory on employers, Mr. McLarty expressed confidence the Government would be followed.

THE BONUS AMOUNTS TO 25 CENTS WEEKLY FOR EACH RISE OF ONE PER CENT. IN THE COST OF LIVING ABOVE THE AUGUST, 1939 LEVEL.

The present level shows a rise of 7.7 per cent.

No increases of basic wages above the rates from 1926 to 1940 are intended.—Reuter.

NARCOTIC PROBLEM REVIVED

INCREASINGLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF HASHISH AND OPIUM ARE ENTERING EGYPT AS A RESULT OF THE WAR, ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF RUSSELL PASHA (SIR THOMAS WENTWORTH RUSSELL), DIRECTOR OF THE EGYPTIAN CENTRAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.

He declares that conditions in Syria threaten the reversion of that country to its former role of being the principal hashish-producing country in the East and the high road of opium traffic for Egypt.

The Report shows traffic in heroin, which is sea-borne, has been practically stopped, while hashish and opium, which come from and through Syria, have increased.—Reuter.

SOVIET THANKS U.S.A.

It was stated at a press conference in Moscow yesterday that the Soviet has expressed satisfaction and thanks to the United States for the pronouncements of President Roosevelt, Mr. Sumner Welles and Col. Frank Knox on the fight against German domination.

The Soviet newspapers publish extracts from sympathetic articles in the British press.

The Soviet worker now feels he is not alone and that there is no general assault on his country but that the Finnish and Rumanian attacks are merely extensions of German aggression.

The black-out, fire fighting and anti-gas precautions are being rigorously observed in Moscow.

Except for files of boys and girls being evacuated to the country, the only queues in the city are those awaiting newspapers or handing in radio sets.—Reuter.

U.S. WAR COSTS LAST YEAR

The U.S. Treasury announced yesterday that it spent \$12,700,000,000 including \$6,000,000,000 for defence purposes, during the fiscal year ended midnight on June 30.

Expenditures were \$5,100,000,000 in excess of revenue.

The Budget Bureau estimates that in the next fiscal year defence alone will cost the country \$15,500,000,000 and total expenditure will reach \$22,200,000,000.

Reckoning on the new \$3,500,000,000 Tax Bill, which is now pending in Congress, the Treasury anticipates approximate revenues of \$12,500,000,000 which would leave a deficit of \$9,700,000,000.—Reuter.

HARVEST IN THE UKRAINE

The harvest is proceeding very successfully in the Ukraine and Bukovina, according to Moscow radio.

All possible efforts are being directed to gathering crops as quickly as possible to prevent loss.

The announcer added women are working successfully on tractors.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAID LULL CONTINUES

The daylight raid lull over Britain continued yesterday, no reports of bombs having been dropped in any part of the country having been received up to 6 p.m.—Reuter.

Burma Road Damage

Traffic on the road from Lashio (Burma) to China has been interrupted by floods and landslides and a bridge near Chefang has been washed away.

The Transport Control Officer has forbidden lorries proceeding to China in order to avoid congestion.

One Chinese lorry crashed into the stream below, slipping off the road, the driver miraculously escaping.

One transport company rushed rations to feed marooned drivers. Latest information is that the floods are subsiding and that the bridge can be replaced in four days.

The highway within the Burma frontier is also affected.—Reuter.

NUMEROUS MINES ADRIFT

In a general warning to masters of ships and other persons to keep a close watch for drifting mines, the Harbour Department states that at least fourteen mines are known to be ashore or adrift.

Seven were seen at Leung Kan Tan, close inshore, and two more were ashore at 18-mile beach nearby.

One has been seen south-west of Cheungchau, one at Shek Tong Shui, one in Castle Peak Bay, one at Rai Ho Wan, and one at Sui Lam.

There may be others adrift or ashore, it is stated.

AMERICA'S BUDGET

President Roosevelt has signed five appropriation bills totalling \$3,500,000,000.

This brings the total cash outlays and contract authorisations approved by Congress since January to the largest figures in the history of the United States.

The five bills include \$910 millions for relief, \$1,100,000,000 for the Labour Department and the Federal Security Agency, and \$1,340,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture and the farmers' aid programme.—Reuter.

JAPAN ACCEPTS

The Japanese Government has undertaken to protect Italian interests in Russia, says Budapest radio quoted by Reuter.

CALL TO NATIONAL EFFORT

A call to the American nation for "greater toil and sacrifice, that our children may be insured against despotism and slavery," was made by Mr. William Knudsen, U.S. Defence Chief, yesterday in a statement in connection with Independence Day on Friday.

It was wrong, he said, to believe as some did that the Nazi invasion of Russia meant the danger to the U.S. had again been averted.

"The danger to our shores is greater than ever," he said. "Mr. Knudsen declared the war effort must be pushed forward so that the U.S. can give all needed help to the nations fighting the battle of freedom."—Reuter.

CANADIANS OUTWIT U-BOATS

Defying Nazi attempts to blockade Britain, the largest contingent yet of Canadian troops has just arrived safely in Britain.

It includes many thousands of men—black-bereted tank men, engineers, husky lumberjacks of the Canadian Forestry Corps, infantry reinforcements, nurses, army doctors and representatives of almost every other branch of the Canadian Army.

Hundreds of airmen were also aboard.

It was also announced last night that Belgian troops have arrived in Britain from Canada where they were trained. They will join the Free Belgian forces.

The Belgian National Defence Minister, M. Cuit, has sent them a welcome and congratulations on their safe crossing.—Reuter.

BUS MEN WORKED AS BOMBS FELL

Four bombs fell in a road in North London recently, blew down several "bays" of trolley-bus wires, and littered the road with debris.

By midnight a London Transport gang was there.

Although bombs were still falling, linesmen replaced the wires while others cleared the debris. At 5 a.m. (normal time) the first bus ran through.

TONNAGE DUTIES SUSPENDED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

President Roosevelt, in another gesture to aid China, issued a proclamation suspending tonnage duties on vessels returning to American ports from Burma. The order is retroactive to June 10.—International News Service.

ROOSEVELT JULY FOUR BROADCAST

President Roosevelt's broadcast to the nation on Independence Day on Friday is fixed for 1 a.m. (G.M.T.). The occasion is a nation-wide patriotic rally.—Reuter.

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**GENERAL SIR CLAUDE
AUCHINLECK
ALREADY IN CAIRO**GENERAL SIR Claude Auchinleck, new
General Officer Commander-in-Chief,
Middle East, is already in Cairo, which he
reached from India, says Reuter.According to International News, the
switching of posts between Sir Claude and
General Sir Archibald Wavell is a hint of Bri-
tish plans to use India as an avenue for aid of
Russia as well as a strengthening of India's
defences against a possible German blow.The announcement has caused
a sensation in London and the
press is at a loss immediately to
interpret the exact importance of
the change.Some papers suggest General
Wavell has been given a better
job owing to the strain of his
duties in the Greek, Libyan and
Syrian campaigns.THE AUTHORITATIVE PRESS
ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER,
SUGGESTS GENERAL WAVELL
IS GOING TO TAKE ACTIVE
CHARGE TO AID RUSSIA VIA
INDIA.The "Daily Express" speaks of
the fear of a Russian collapse and
the consequent German menace to
India.**Lyttelton Post**Importance is also attached in
the London press to the appoint-
ment of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton as
special representative of the
War Cabinet in the Middle East.
Mr. Lyttelton has also arrived
in Cairo by special fast plane.—
International News and Reuter.**LYTTELTON
H.Q. IN CAIRO**Mr. Oliver Lyttelton's
headquarters will be in
Cairo, Reuter's lobby cor-
respondent understands.Insofar as his civil work will
include the dissemination of in-
formation and other political
activities from the British side,
those activities will be carefully
designed not to touch Egypt or
domestic affairs or the normal
relations of Sir Miles Lampson,
British Ambassador, with the
Egyptian Government.Cairo has been chosen as an
obviously convenient centre for
Mr. Lyttelton's work which at
no time will be allowed to over-
step the line of Egypt's position
as a sovereign State.—Reuter.**DARLAN
MISSION
FAILS**ADMIRAL DARLAN'S SECRE-
TARY OF STATE, BENOIT
MECHIN, HAS FAILED TO OB-
TAIN PERMISSION TO SEND
ARMS TO SYRIA VIA TURKEY.
IT WAS STRONGLY RUMOUR-
ED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.It is believed he is now trying
to obtain permission for the
evacuation of French from Syria
via Turkey.—Reuter.**BOMBAY RETURNS
TO NORMAL**After 36 hours of interruption
due to torrential rains, telegraph
communication between Bombay
and other parts of India has been
restored, says Reuter.**CHINESE ESCAPES**While waiting to be charged at
Central Police Station at 12.15
a.m. yesterday, a Chinese who
had been brought in by a Police
Reservist, slipped out of the
Station and escaped.**RUSSIAN HARVEST**The reaping of the harvest is
proceeding very well in Czerno-
vitz and Bukovina. It was stated
on Moscow radio yesterday, says
Reuter.**THAT MAN
AGAIN**THE BROADCAST MADE RE-
CENTLY BY DR. BENES WAS
SEIZED UPON BY MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
AS A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY
TO ENDEAVOUR TO EXTORT
A STATEMENT FROM GOV-
ERNMENT ABOUT HESS.The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Cle-
ment Attlee, refused the invita-
tion, and the ensuing supplemen-
tary questions were so diverse
that a member suggested that as
they mutually answered each
other they might be pinned to-
gether as a White Paper.He added that "anyway the
average person in Britain does not
care a cuss." Mr. Attlee cordial-
ly concurred.—Reuter.**MAJESTIC**
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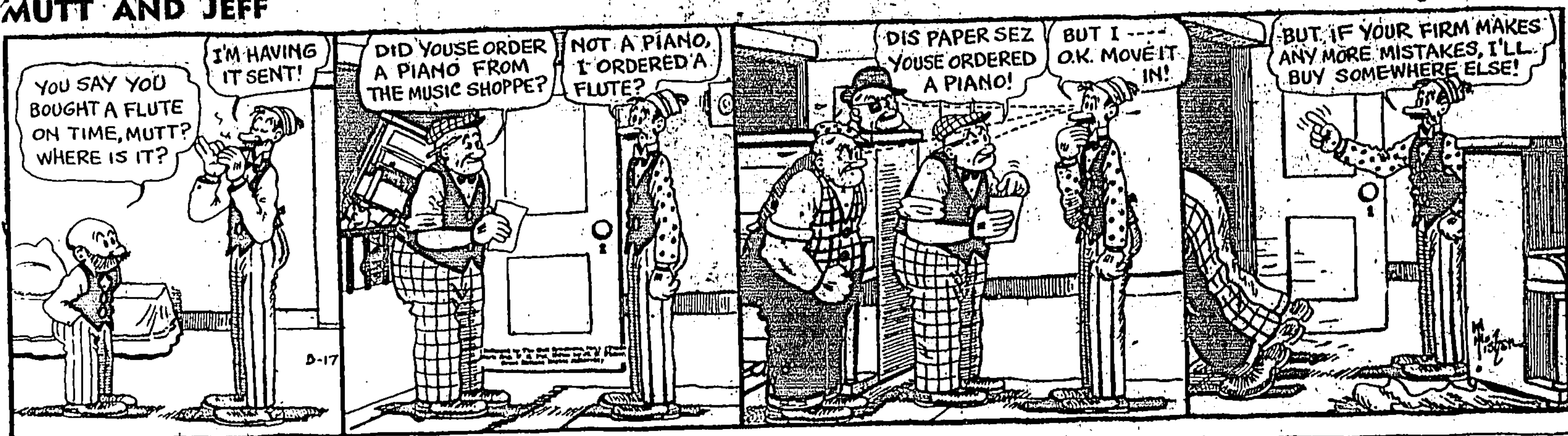
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Heavy Raids On Objectives At Palmyra And Rayak

THIEVES BUSY IN ARMS WORKS

Pilfering on a large scale in northern aircraft and munition factories is causing concern to the authorities.

Canteen equipment, small machinery parts, oil and grease are among the articles being stolen.

At one Merseyside works 50,000 cups and saucers and 2,500 sets of knives, forks and spoons disappeared in three months. The number of employees at the works is less than 2,000.

At another factory employing about 10,000 the cost of milk bottles smashed or stolen in one week was £25.

Recently eighty Klaxon horns, used in vital war work, were found to be missing.

R.A.F. AND AUSTRALIAN aircraft carried out a number of attacks on aerodromes and other military objectives in Syria on Tuesday.

At Rayak, two unidentified aircraft were burned out on the ground and four Potez bombers were badly damaged.

Twenty-eight tanks and 20 large motor transport vehicles were also machine-gunned and put out of action on the roads in the same area.

R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked barracks at Palmyra aerodrome and obtained several hits on both targets.

The fort and citadel at Soueida were also hit by a number of bombs.

The aerodrome at Aleppo was also repeatedly bombed and machine-gunned. Fires were started among dispersed aircraft

at least one of which was destroyed, and a number of Bloch aircraft were badly damaged by machine-gun fire.

Beirut Raid

During the night of June 30/July 1, R.A.F. bombers attacked the harbour and shipping at Beirut. Hits were seen on the main docks and central quays and near ships which are believed to have been damaged.

One Messerschmidt was shot down on Tuesday, in addition to those reported in the previous communique as having been destroyed, while attempting to attack ships off the Cyrenaica coast.

From all operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

WOMAN POSED AS NAVAL SURGEON

A woman who said that her name was "Lady Stuart Campbell" was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Marlborough Street recently.

On the charge sheet she was described as Wynne Malette Stuart Campbell, 42 a secretary, of Clanciarde Gardens, W. She was charged with posing as a surgeon commander in the Royal Navy.

Giving evidence, she said that she had been called a "surgeon commander" and "The admiral," but as a joke. She said that she was first married to a lieutenant who was killed in 1918, and afterwards to "Sir John Campbell." She had a child, of which he was the father. She could not explain why there was no registration of either marriage or the birth.

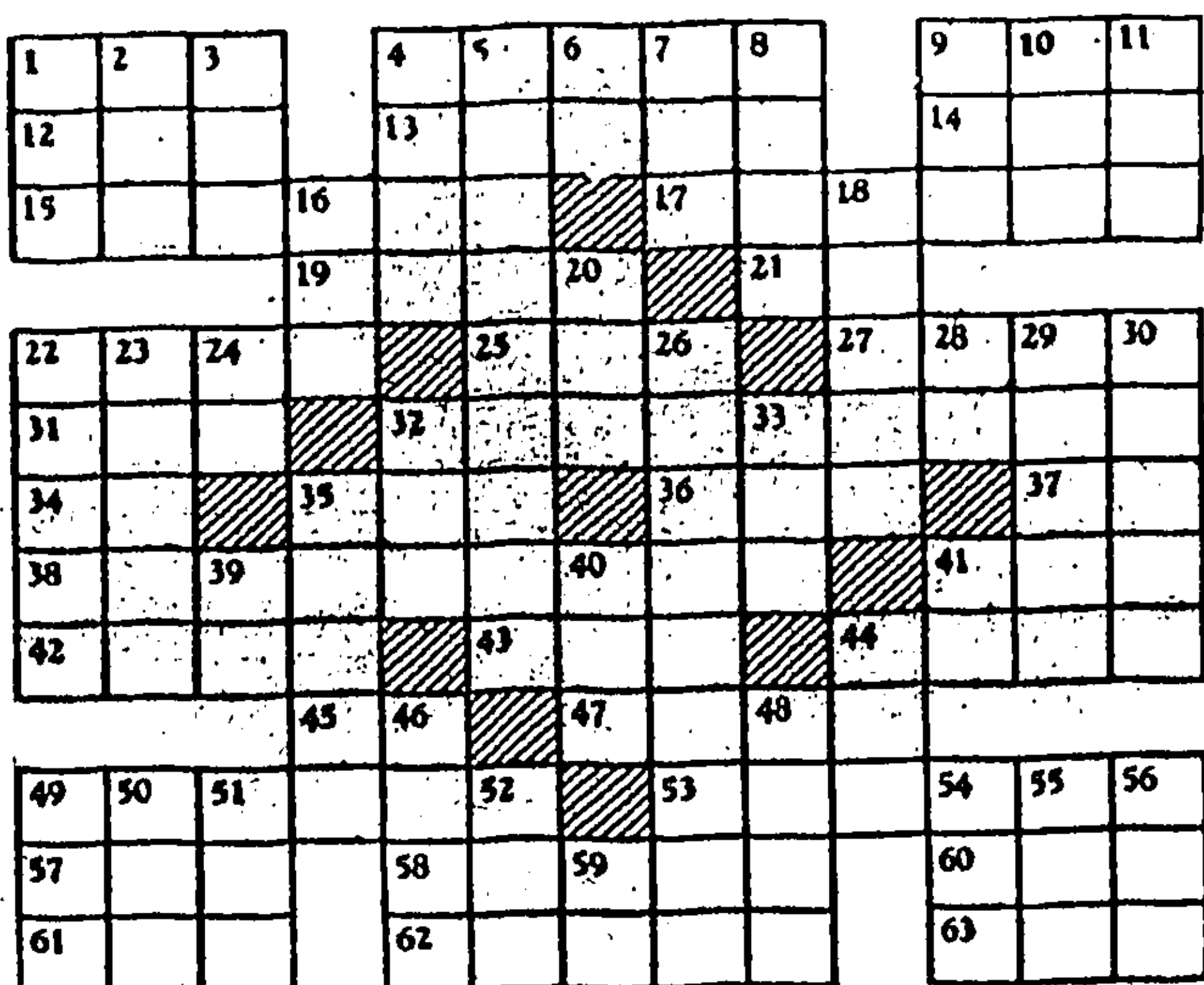
The magistrate, Mr. J. B. Sandbach, said she had been falsely pretending to have a lot of influence in high quarters. "I think, too," he said, "you have been assuming another rank to which you are not entitled. You are not happy unless you are in the limelight. It is probably megalomania."

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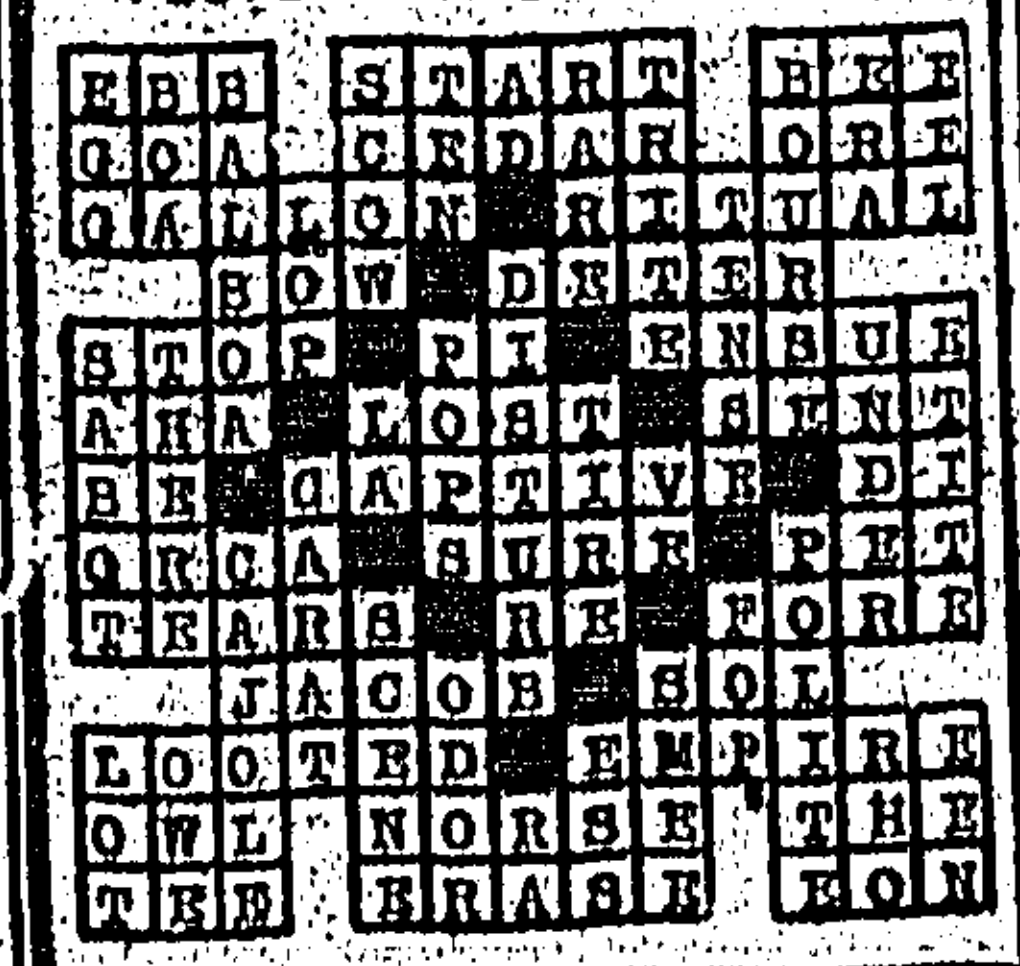
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Beverage
- 4 Roman
- 9 To weaken
- 12 Entirely
- 13 Periodically rising and falling
- 14 Girl's name
- 15 City in France
- 17 Firearm
- 19 Absorbed
- 21 Symbol for actinium
- 22 To box
- 23 Brim
- 27 Sacred bull
- 31 Upper limb
- 32 Warring off attack
- 34 Part of infinitive
- 35 Cry of sheep
- 36 To disencumber
- 37 Negative
- 38 Immoderate
- 41 Marsh
- 42 Colours
- 43 Period of time
- 44 Unusual
- 45 Spanish article
- 47 Son of Isaac
- 49 Physician

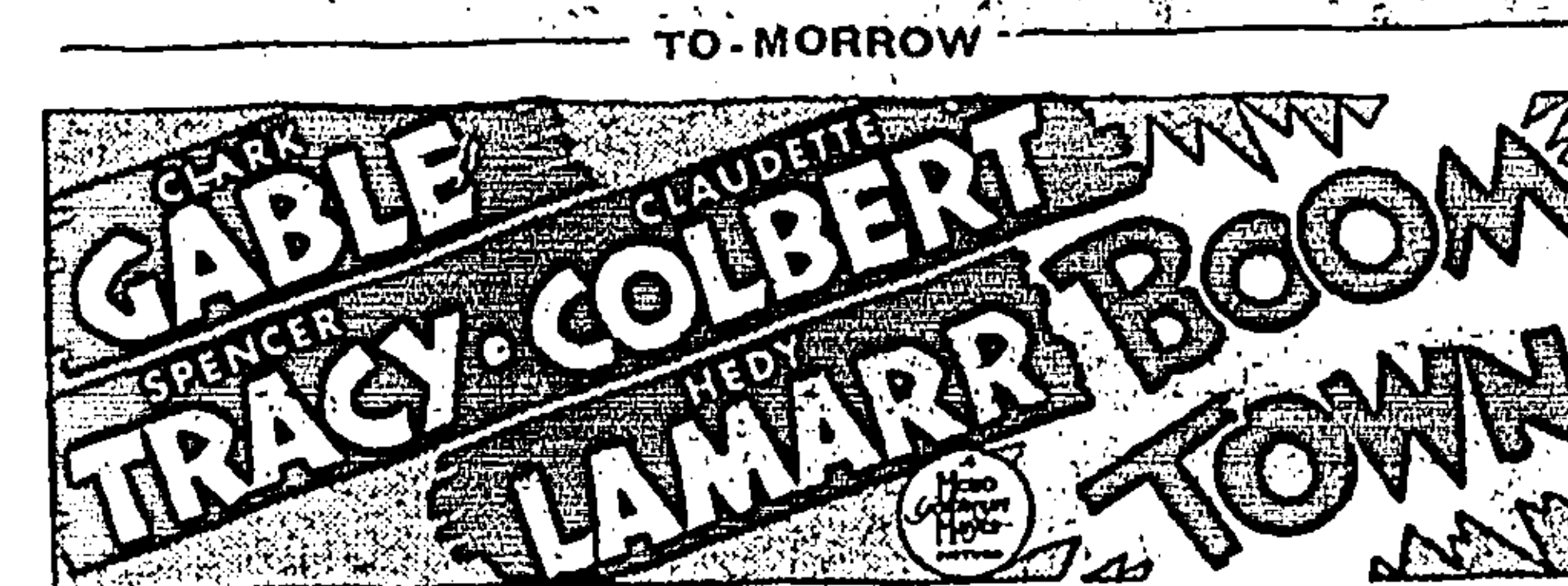
VERTICAL

- 53 Creeping plant
- 57 Constellation
- 58 Filter
- 60 Eggs
- 61 Wager
- 62 Domestically
- 63 Married
- 1 Chinese pagoda
- 2 Shade tree
- 3 Moslem name
- 4 Sicilian volcano
- 5 To vex
- 6 European fish
- 7 To drink
- 8 Lamb's pen-name
- 9 Posed

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

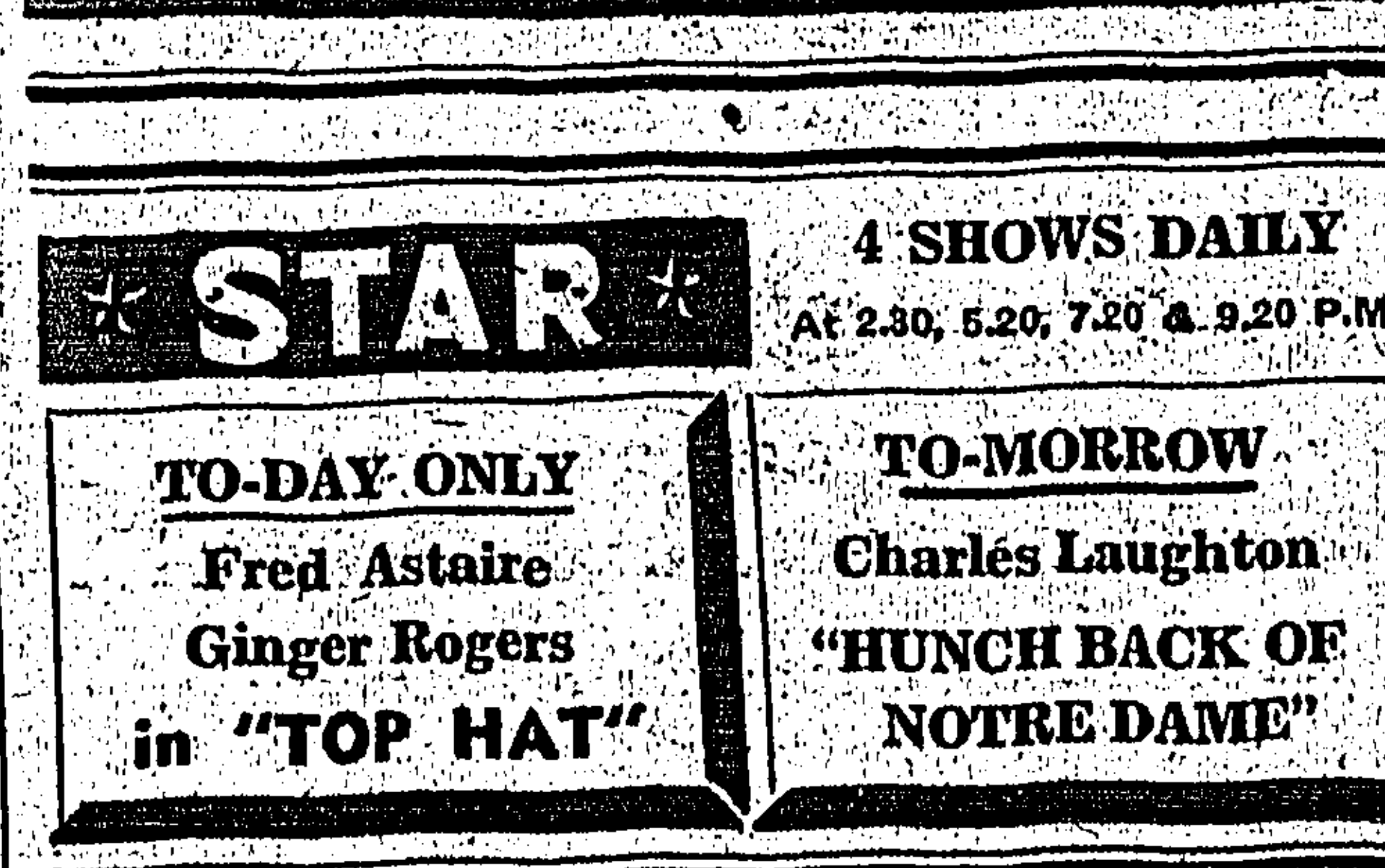
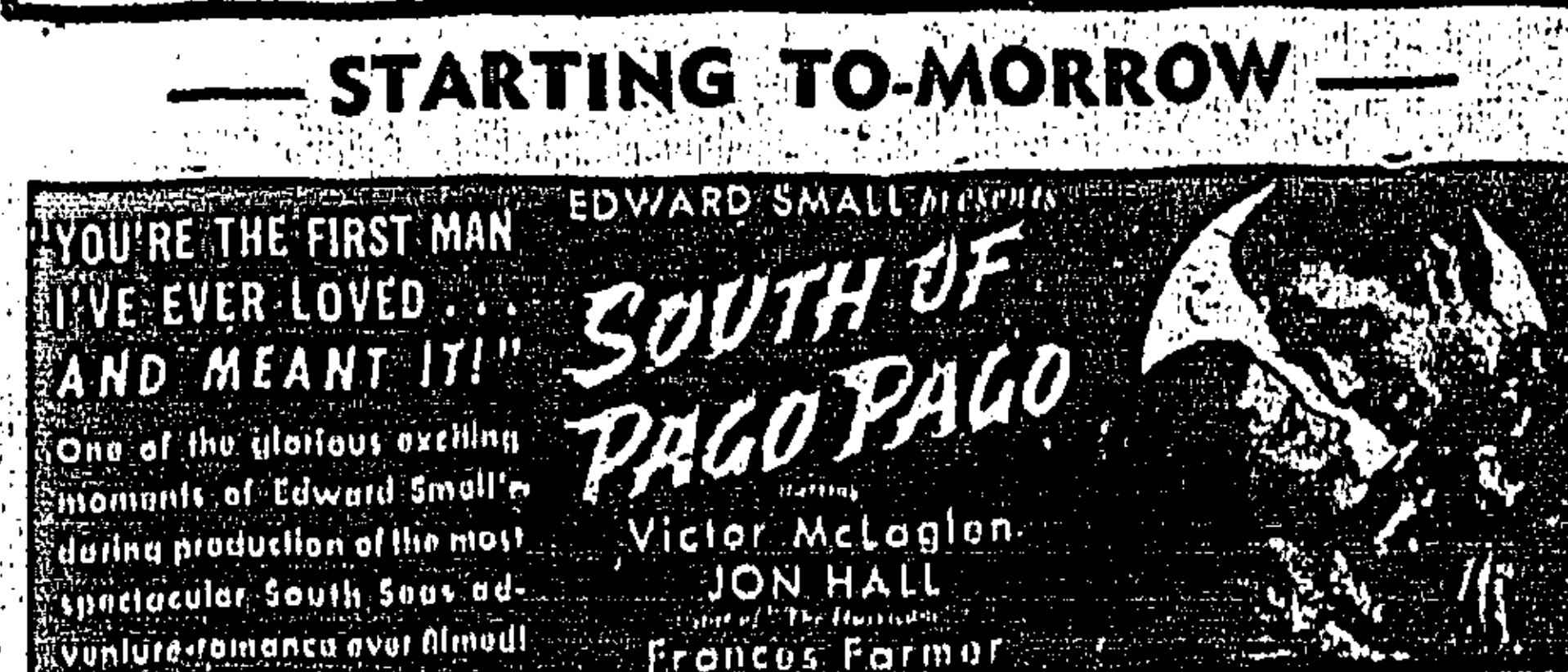


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EXTENSION OF R.A.F. DAYLIGHT RAIDS: ENERGETIC PRESSURE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

R.A.F. daylight operations over Northern France, and occasionally over Germany, are being pursued with the utmost energy. Full advantage is being taken of Germany's pre-occupation in Russia. This general assurance was given me in London yesterday.

Their tactical purpose cannot be divulged but it can be assumed they are immediately associated with the growing R.A.F. night offensive.

Two attacks appear to be designed to strike at the chief source of the Nazi war potential in western and north-western Germany and the feeders to her western armies.

Aim evidently is to reconnoitre the R.A.F.'s long-term policy of heavy bombing with any shorter range policy requiring extra punch dictated by the big chance given Britain by Hitler's Russian adventure.

Lack of sufficiency of long-range fighter escorts for work across the English Channel must of necessity at present restrict the depth of R.A.F. operations in force by daylight, as do the short summer nights force a shortening of the long arm of British air power by night.

New Spitfires

But some encouraging facts have emerged from the sweeps hitherto made and incidentally begun in earnest on the eve of Hitler's attack on Russia.

The improved Spitfires have proved themselves superior in performance to Germany's latest Messerschmidt fighters.

The M.E. 109F was specially designed to give maximum performance at high altitudes. Range and, to some extent, armament, were sacrificed to this aim, no doubt in the hope that the tactical advantage in height would be decisive.

This has not been the case and the new M.E. has been dragged down from its new ceiling of over 36,000 feet and the Spitfires have made short work of it.

Mainly "Colts"

Germany left behind a numerically strong fighter force in north-west Europe when she moved east but there is no doubt the personnel are mainly "colts" and the crack pilots are leading the Russian campaign.

Britain's bombers have been chiefly used so far in relatively small force, with a very strong fighter escort, but sometimes on their own are acquiring themselves with "great dash and notable success" against the Nazi fighters with which they have been engaged in several stern combats.

It is revealed that Britain's heaviest and newest bombers have been used in daylight attacks on targets in north-west Germany's coastline.

Concrete Result

One concrete result of the R.A.F.'s constant hammering by night of German shipyards and U-boat manufacturing towns has been an "appreciable reduction" in the scale of the Nazi effort in the Battle of the Atlantic recently and while the world may be disappointed if it expects the R.A.F. to alter the immediate course of the land struggle being waged in eastern Europe, its work will be regarded as well repaid.—Reuter.

G.M. AWARDS TO SOLDIERS

Two members of a searchlight detachment, L/Sgt. E. A. Provins, and Gunner D. J. E. Roberts, both R.A., have been awarded the George Medal.

While in charge of a searchlight site on December 22, Sgt. Provins tried to assist the pilot of a Wellington bomber to land safely by swinging a beam towards trees and also on the ground to indicate its hilly nature.

The plane crashed, however, and though it was burning furiously and bullets were flying in all directions, Sgt. Provins directed rescue operations with coolness and efficiency.

Gunner Roberts, a member of the rescue party, dragged but a member of the crew who was covered in oil, with his boots, trousers and hair burning.

For conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner, the George Medal is also awarded to War Subs. Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. M. Hewitt, R.E., Capt. D. A. S. Johns, top, late the Durham Light Infantry (re-employed), and W.O. 1 (R.S.M.) A. Harrison, Corps of Military Police.

Reginald English, ship's apprentice, who saved a man whose legs had been broken from being washed overboard while in a small boat, has been awarded the bronze medal for gallantry in saving life at sea.

FIRST ATLANTIC FLIER PROMOTED

Sir Arthur Whitten-Brown, of the Alcock and Brown team, that made the first Trans-Atlantic airplane flight 22 years ago, was named a Lieutenant Colonel and Battalion Commander of the Home Guard.

On June 14-15, 1919, Brown, then a young American lieutenant, and the late John Alcock, then a British Army Captain, flew the Atlantic from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Clifden, Ireland, in 10 hours, 12 minutes.

The flight made in a twin-engine Vickers-Vimy plane was hailed as the greatest aerial event in history up to that time and the fliers, Alcock as pilot and Brown as navigator, split \$40,000 in prizes and were knighted.

COMPULSORY A.R.P. TRAINING IN RUSSIA

Compulsory air raid precautions training for all Russian civilians from 16 to 60 has been decreed by the Council of People's Commissars according to Moscow radio quoted by Reuter.

ANGLO-SOVIET TALKS

Further conversations of a practical nature took place in Moscow yesterday between members of the British mission and their opposition numbers. It is learned that progress is being made.

Last evening the first British-organised social gathering since the arrival of the mission took place at the British Embassy.

It was a cocktail party given by the Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, and was attended by M. Vishinsky, Vice-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, M. Saboluev, Secretary to the Foreign Commissariat and representative of the Foreign Trade Commissariat, Lt.-Gen. Golikov, Major-Gen. Savinov and General Petrov, of the Soviet air force, Capt. Zaitsev, of the Soviet naval liaison staff and other liaison officers.

Many diplomats were present including the American, Turkish, Iranian and Chinese Ambassadors and the Swedish Minister.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW IN NORWAY

A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED BY THE GERMAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF NORTHERN NORWAY AND MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN SOME DISTRICTS. ACCORDING TO S.W.E.D.I.S.H. NEWSPAPERS QUOTED BY THE NORWEGIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY.

There have also been extensive round-ups of persons suspected of sympathy with Russia and two new concentration camps have been established in isolated districts and already contain several hundred Norwegians, mostly members of the Labour movement.—Reuter.

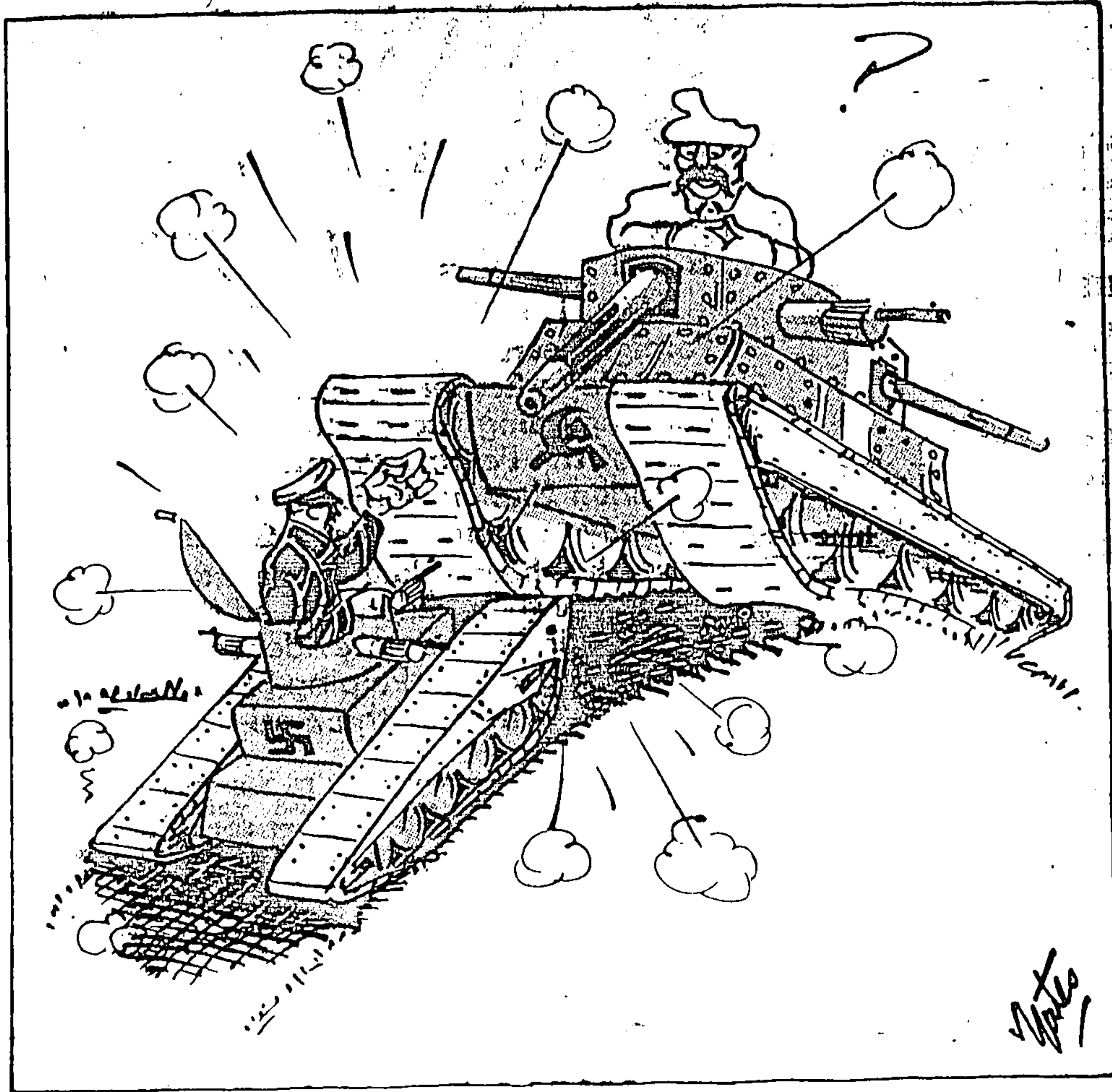
DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT ALPERSHOT

During a visit to a military police training depot in the Aldershot area yesterday, the Duke of Connaught, who was 91 in May, left his car in order to be photographed with officers and men at the depot.—British Wireless.

CHINA MAIL

GENERAL WAVELL'S MOVE

General Sir Archibald Wavell's exchange of posts with General Sir Claude Auchinleck needs to be linked closely with the fact that the Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton is also going to Cairo, as the direct representative of the War Cabinet, to take over from the new Commander-in-Chief a great mass of political, economic and administrative work which has hitherto been handled by General Wavell. The shock and the surprise need not, therefore, give rise to speculation on any supposed reasons for the replacement of General Wavell. Now that the facts are known, it would have been more surprising if the immensity of the tasks thrust upon General Wavell, the fighting of five campaigns on five different fronts, in addition to attending to the details of economic warfare, political work and propaganda, had not had their effect in heavy strain after twelve months of continuous effort. In those twelve months, General Wavell has more than justified his brilliant reputation as a strategist and a military commander of the highest skill by any and every standard. Half the work is to be taken off the shoulders of his successor in Cairo, and plainly no harm will be done in the Middle East by the arrival of a keen, energetic, master tactician, free to concentrate upon the military task. Incidentally, there is more than a hint that General Wavell's knowledge of Russia was not out of the minds of the War Cabinet when the exchange of posts was under consideration. These are days when new emergencies require forward-looking minds. It is a matter for congratulation to discover the clearest evidence that the War Cabinet has its eyes focussed not only upon the urgent demands of the immediate moment, but upon the potentialities of the future. It gives confidence too to note the cheerful acquiescence of General Wavell in a change of command, much as he would doubtless have liked the opportunity of finishing the job he has so brilliantly begun.



HIMMEL! THIS IS ILLEGAL!

Tough Nut For Himmeler

Passionate Nazi-hater Jay Allen, by illegally entering Occupied France, has fallen into the hands of the Gestapo. His arrest is due, as are all his misfortunes, to impetuosity and a belief that if you are an American you can do pretty well what you like in Europe.

Jay Allen is one of the few men I know who could never hope to disguise himself and get away with it. One of his eyes is deeper set than the other, so that you think he squints and then find that he doesn't. It is disconcerting sometimes. I hope the Gestapo will find it so.

Among tyrants the name of Jay Allen stinks, particularly does it do so in the nostrils of Francisco Franco y Bahamonde, whom he interviewed at Tetuan, in Morocco, when the Spanish revolt first broke out in 1936. It put Franco's name on the map.

More injudicious than usual, Franco then calmly told Allen that, if it were necessary, he would murder half the population of Spain to gain his ends. This is dynamite, thought Allen! He didn't even stop to pack his bags before driving full tilt into French Morocco to cable the story.

Thereafter Franco's thugs put a price on Allen's head, the more eagerly as they discovered that he was then closely connected with the Republican Government, was a friend of men who afterwards became famous or infamous, whichever way you look at things: among others, Del Vayo, Caballero, both of whom, some years earlier, he'd concealed for days in his Madrid house when Primo de Rivera's police were hunting them.

Nervous to an almost unbelievable degree, Allen talks in quick, sudden jerks, as though every five words or so he suddenly sees something that makes him forget what he was going to say. Only those who know him well can effortlessly understand what he's driving at; others, impressed by his bulk, his air of knowing what's what, gladly make an effort to understand, are often well rewarded for their pains. Ahead of the Gestapo men detailed to interrogate him is no enviable job.

Grandiose are Allen's ideas, not the least of which was to attempt the creation of a vast Europe-wide democratic news service to compete with long-established, fabulously rich, semi-official agencies that already supply the world with its daily news. He might have saved his always short breath for other purposes.

Jay Allen, fearing that Nazi influence was becoming paramount in Europe, wanted to wake up his countrymen to what he then regarded as inevitable war, felt that usual news channels were not doing enough in this direction. Such men in 1937 or thereabouts were dubbed mischief-makers, and their schemes usually came to naught. Allen's scheme was among the majority. Unlike many of his slicker colleagues who are content to cash in on superficialities, Allen likes digging down to facts, likes also to go political slumming before committing himself to paper. He is a great blower-in and blower-out of rooms, meetings, parties. He never seems to be in the same place for more than four minutes at a time. But in that time he manages to pick up more facts than most of us can do at a full-dress interview.

Keystone of Nazi propaganda to the United States has been no German territorial, economic demands on that country.

Strangely then, but not unnaturally perhaps, came this song (here translated), the other day from a German radio station; sung by a choir:

"Now are we bound for England.
The whole country will be destroyed by fire.
Then we set out for the New World,
Whence we shall fetch Rosenfeld (Roosevelt),
Switzerland, the insolent porcupine,
We shall seize on the day home."

Much may be forgiven the March of Time film unit for its splendid work in the past. In its first full-length film, "The Romantics We Watch," there is much to be forgiven from the point of view of a British audience. The less said about its dizzy lon-

gueurs, its bathetic insincerities, the better.

But you must see it, if only to have a good laugh at the Germans. Towards the end of the picture are shown extracts from the much-vaunted German film of the Polish campaign, called "Baptism of Fire."

The film, you will remember, that was to terrify everyone out of their wits. It has two highlights.

The first is Hitler doing a Sarah Bernhardt act in an arm-chair. He has just given the word "Go" to his Air Force: they are on their way to blow Polish women and children to pieces. And there he sits, sprawled out in his railway carriage, for all the world as though the fidgetty Goering beside him was a doctor who had just told him the worst. Galloping consumption, at least. He's a regular old Dame aux Camélias.

The second is the commentator, a German, speaking English. He has the sort of voice Pop-eye the Sailor Man would have if his voice had never broken. And he's obviously taken a degree in making people's flesh creep—but at a pretty poor university.

But "Baptism of Fire" itself isn't half as terrifying as the news-reels of the last war. They do show what war means. Which is more than Dr. Goebbels has been able to do in this film.

Incidentally, isn't it time we stopped singing "Land of Hope and Glory." That line about the British Empire: "Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set" sounds slightly comic in the ears of those pledged to a war that, we are told, has no imperial ambitions in its make-up.

Here is the ultimate horror in "officialness." I found it in a document at the Ministry of Information. It is passed on without comment.

"The subject," says the document apropos the awakening of Yugoslavia, "can be admirably treated propagandistically." Only the italics are my own.

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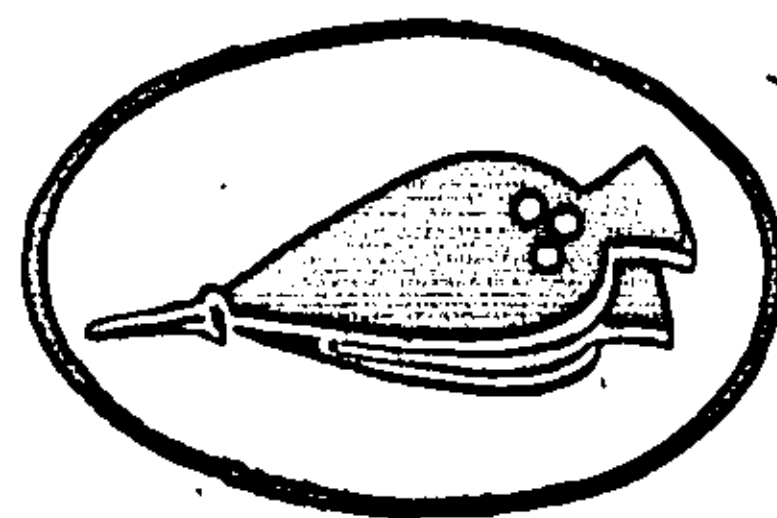
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British Interests In China Discussed In Commons

MR. I. C. HANNAH (Cons.) asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday whether he had yet received a report regarding the declaration of the chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association that no leniency should be shown anybody selling British Goods, and what action has been taken in the matter.

Mr. Anthony Eden replied that the report received indicates no evidence that the sale of British goods in Peiping has been affected by the activities of the Anti-British Association.

LEGION FOR UNITY

A group of first generation and naturalised American citizens has organised, the "Legion for American Unity and Action" in opposition to the Axis powers.

The group named Ferdinand Pecora, Justice of the New York Supreme Court, as Chairman and sent a telegram to President Roosevelt signed by 44 members, pledging "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour" so that freedom and liberty will survive and triumph everywhere over tyranny and dictatorship.

Organisers said the League would launch a Nation-wide movement among approximately 30,000,000 Americans of foreign extraction for a programme "to support and to encourage decisive action in defence of the United States, on behalf of Great Britain, and in opposition to the totalitarian Axis."

CHINA'S NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

Dr. Wellington Koo, China's new Ambassador to Great Britain, arrived in London last night to take up his duties.

He had travelled by air from Lisbon where, since leaving Vichy, he had been waiting several weeks to receive the credentials of the two secretaries he takes with him.

He was met at the airport by Dr. W. H. Chen, Councillor of the Embassy, who has been charge d'affaires since Mr. Quo Tai-chi left to take up the post of Foreign Minister.

Dr. Koo was greeted at the station by Sir John Monok, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, who represented Mr. Anthony Eden.

Dr. Koo declined to discuss the Russo-German war on the ground he had not had sufficient time to consider a reasoned statement.

"But," he said, "I hope to do this in a day or two when I have had time to settle down."

—Reuter.

MAIL TIES UP TRAFFIC

Belleville's only electric traffic signal was designed to direct traffic only and — well, that's all. When it went out of order and tied up traffic, workers opened box and discovered six postal

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons) asked whether Mr. Eden was aware that all shipping services except Japanese between Shanghai, Ningpo and other Chekiang coast ports were banned by the Japanese authorities on the alleged ground of military necessity, to what extent British shipping companies were affected and what action had been taken.

This, he said, was arbitrary discrimination against British trade.

Mr. Eden said that by proclamations on July 15, 1940 and August 10, 1940, the Japanese naval authorities prohibited the entrance of ships of any nationality into certain specified areas along the China coast, including ports in Chekiang province.

Rights Reserved

Since then British shipping to Chekiang ports had been practically suspended.

All British rights had been formally reserved and representations made to the Japanese authorities regarding interference with British shipping.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne asked, in view of the fact that any alleged necessity for military reservation at the time the order was made by the Japanese had now passed to a great extent, owing to the course of the war in China, could not the Foreign Secretary make more energetic representations?

Mr. Eden: "I am in entire agreement with the member's premise of the situation. This is all wrapped up in the general position with Japan."

"THE JAPANESE HAVE COMPLAINED TO US ABOUT ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS WHICH THEY ALLEGED WE HAVE IMPOSED ON THEM AND THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE REPLY UNTIL THESE MATTERS ARE SETTLED—WE CAN DO NOTHING TO HELP THEM."

Currency Policy

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne asked the Foreign Secretary whether he was aware that under the policy of the Japanese Asia Development Board, all Japanese yen currencies are to be gradually excluded in private and commercial transactions between North and Central China.

He also asked, whether in consequence of this policy, the Chinese national currency and sterling would be prohibited and what steps was he taking to prevent this interference with freedom of trade.

Mr. Eden replied the British Government was aware of the restrictions placed by the Japanese on the use of the Chinese national currency in areas occupied by them and frequent protests had been made to the Japanese Government about the injury caused to British interests.

Aid To China

"I also remind the member of the financial assistance given the Chinese Government in support of the Chinese national currency."

"Sterling is not one of the currencies in use in China and the question of prohibition does not arise."

box and discovered six postal cards and a letter deposited therein. They were removed and put in a mail box a few feet away and the traffic signal resumed operation unaltered.

SOAP AND RECOVERY

U.S. Government statisticians have found that when business is good, more soap is used.

PEANUT VENDOR CONTRIBUTES 2-DAY SALES TO GREECE

"Peanuts for Greece" is the newest war relief activity that has hit this town of hundreds of relief agencies. The slogan was coined by John Court-sounis, native of Sparta and for 33 years peanut-vendor to professors and students of Columbia University and to all and sundry who frequent the corner of Broadway and 116th Street.

John had three nephews who fought with Greece against Germany and Italy. He wanted to help the homeland, too. Now he has completed a two-day peanut selling campaign, giving the entire proceeds from his stand to the Columbia Chapter of the American-Hellenic Student Committee which is raising funds for Greek medical aid.

Two days of sales were about all John could donate. Business, he said, hasn't been so good since the depression.

John may not be as well-known a celebrity as Steve Vasilakos, peanut vendor in Executive Avenue, Washington, D. C., who several months ago launched a like campaign. His acquaintances are "big shots" of the University rather than Presidents and Senators. However, "Peanuts for Greece," he estimated might net as much as \$50 in aid of needy civilians back home.

WOMEN TO TAKE OVER BALLOONS

"Amazon Flight"

The North Midlands is to make the first experiment in a scheme which, if successful, will result in the W.A.A.F. taking over from men many of the barrage balloon sites.

It is not proposed that they should take over other than land stations, but even this may mean the release of thousands of men for other duties in the R.A.F.

Girls who are already members of the W.A.A.F. are being given the first opportunity of serving in the "Amazon Flight," as it has been decided to call the new experimental organisation. They are coming forward in sufficiently large numbers to ensure the experiment having a thorough trial.

Only the fittest will be called on, for the duties will be heavy and onerous. The Amazons will fly the balloons, drive the winches and the trailers, and haul on the ropes.

They will have their own distinctive uniform, probably a type of battledress in R.A.F. blue. Skirts would be unsuitable for working on muddy sites.

CHURCHILL'S CALL AWAITED BY PALESTINE JEWS

(THE POSITION OF THE Jews in Palestine has become increasingly difficult as hostilities in the Near East threaten the precarious balance between Jewish and Arab racial groups. The following article studies the situation from the Jewish viewpoint.)

Recent developments in Syria have brought home to the people of Palestine the fact that they are in serious danger of an Italo-German invasion.

As the drive against the Suez Canal is approaching, the Jews hope to be permitted to organise a Jewish Army. Half a million Jews are waiting in Palestine for the day when they may come to grips with the enemy of their race on equal terms.

An Axis invasion of Palestine may come overland, through Turkey. The Germans may also use what is left of the Italian fleet to force a landing in the Holy Land as a move to outflank Turkey. A simultaneous attack on Gibraltar might divert the British Mediterranean squadrons long enough to permit such an attempt.

The Italian bases in the Dodecanese Islands are only an hour by fast warplane from the Palestine coast. The country could be sufficiently "softened" by aerial attacks to prepare for its invasion.

Routes Of Possible Invasion

The invasion of Palestine could also be undertaken from Syria. The "Weygand" army in Syria is now largely demobilised and its effectiveness shipped to France. Only between 40,000 and 80,000 French troops now remain in Syria. If Vichy still has the loyalty of the mandatory government, an attack on the Holy Land from the north is quite possible.

The Jews want their own army to defend their own land. The plan is apparently hanging fire, because Prime Minister Churchill is mindful of its possible repercussions in the Arab world. It is an unenviable decision to reach.

The Arabs of Palestine, about a million of them, are by no means uniformly loyal to Britain's cause. There are "fifth columnists" without number among them. The bands of rebel fellahs, who harassed the British army for years, despite punitive expeditions with tanks, howitzers, and aeroplanes, are neither pacific underneath the surface, nor enthusiastic about the English and Anzac troops.

"Holy War Of Islam"

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, fled the country during the fighting in 1937, with a British price on his head. To-day he is still touring the courts of the Arab princes and the tents of the Bedouin tribesmen and preaching a "Holy War of Islam" against the British, "infidels." No one can tell how much he is succeeding, but the British may have to pay heavily when the war shifts to the Near East.

On the surface, Arab insurrection came to an end with the outbreak of the war. The almost total ban on Jewish immigration and the restrictions against land purchases by Jews pacified the Arabs a good deal, the London Government hopes. These legislative measures hurt the Jews badly. They need a haven for their war refugees. But London has nothing to fear from them: their loyalty to the Allied cause is absolute.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine is knocking on the doors of politicians in London and Washington demanding a Jewish Army. Its spokesmen point out that 50,000 first-rate men could be speedily gathered and trained in Palestine, while several times that number were ready to volunteer abroad. In two or three months the Agency could produce a nuclear army. In two or three years it could give England between 300,000 and 400,000 men of the highest possible anti-Nazi morale. The Jews would also be prepared to pay for the equipment of their own army.

Like Colonial Pioneers

The morale of Palestinian Jews has by now become proverbial. More than 425,000 of them have come into the Holy Land since 1920—fleeing from racial or religious persecution. They built themselves homes in the land of their fathers, wresting every inch of grain from the desert, the marshes, the stony hills of Judea, and in face of Arab enmity and terrorism. They are mostly able-bodied and courageous young people. Perhaps one in five among them is a refugee from Nazi terror. They are a hardy, daring breed of colonial pioneers, reminiscent of the early American settlers.

These Jewish peasants have learned to plow the soil with one hand on the plow-handle and another on the rifle-trigger. Because of the constant menace of Arab raids they have also become expert in the traditional Arab craft of gun-running and munition hoarding. The weapons which they are believed to have thus amassed would compare favourably with those supplied before the present war to the Arabs, by the agents of Germany and Italy. On both sides the armament contains machine-guns, hand grenades, and even light artillery pieces, it is said.

The actual dimensions of both Arab and Jewish secret effectiveness may not be known until invasion comes. Then the armories, which are now buried deep in the fields and orange plantations, or hidden in the honeycombed mountains of the desolate countryside, will be opened.

That the semi-military preparedness of the Jewish settlers is considerable may be deduced from the size of their secret self-defence organisation. The Haganah and the Irgun Zebai—Defence and Military Confederation respectively—have around 100,000 inscribed members.

Military Exercises

When the British authorities opened the registration of civil defence volunteers, 136,000 Palestinian Jews offered their services within some 72 hours.

The new organisation gave them an opportunity of much-coveted military exercises. Until then they were obliged to get these secretly, along deserted beaches, in darkened farm sheds, or in the barren hills of Judea and Galilee.

Thousands of Jewish refugees are still filtering through the coastguard patrol into Palestine. They land from Nazi-sponsored "despair boats," which ply their pathetic course from Balkan and Iberian ports. They come in worm-eaten little craft from neighbouring Greek and Turkish islands. Many perish on route. Others sink with their rotten vessels almost in sight of the Promised Land, or jump into the sea, trying to swim ashore, while their ships are sneaking around the coast to elude the British patrols.

Yet many do reach land and there they are put in concentration camps. When they are finally released, these strong, daring, desperate men add further leaven to the high fighting spirit of the community.

Secrecy On Leaders' Names

The leaders of the self-defence organisations are not known by name even to their subordinates. The inspiration of most of them is the memory of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, World War commander of the Jewish Legion and founder of the militant New Zionist Organisation. Jabotinsky passed on last year in New York, while he was seeking to organise the recruiting of young American Jews for the Jewish Army in Palestine.

The Jewish war effort in Palestine is extremely high. The young community already boasts

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They are sons of a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel III.

FINDING OF HUGE CRATER RECALLS METEOR OF 1894

Discovery of a large crater near the base of southern Colorado's Sangre De Cristo Mountains has revived memories of a meteor which flashed across the sky 47 years ago.

Dr. H. H. Minninger, Denver natural scientist, said after an aeroplane trip over the crater—300 feet wide and 30 feet deep—that it probably was gouged out by a meteorite. He plans a return trip with instruments for a scientific investigation. Old timers say the brilliant meteor's appearance nearly a half century ago was followed by a roar and earth tremors.

"I HAVE MOVED" —WHERE?

One Tampa draft registrant has complied scrupulously with a requirement that he notify his local board whenever he changed address—except for one detail.

Four times in the past two months he mailed the Board cards saying "I have moved." None of them gave an address.

of producing steel, ammunition, and small tanks for the British Middle East command. Their textile and electrical industries supply a great part of the army's needs. Their farms and plantations feed most of the British divisions between Libya and India.

So far the British Government has been yielding to their clamoring very slowly. Some 8,000 Jews have been allowed to enlist in the British army. But they are not kept in a separate or distinct unit. They are distributed in various services in Egypt, Palestine, Crete, and elsewhere. There are only two small distinctly Jewish battalions in the Holy Land.

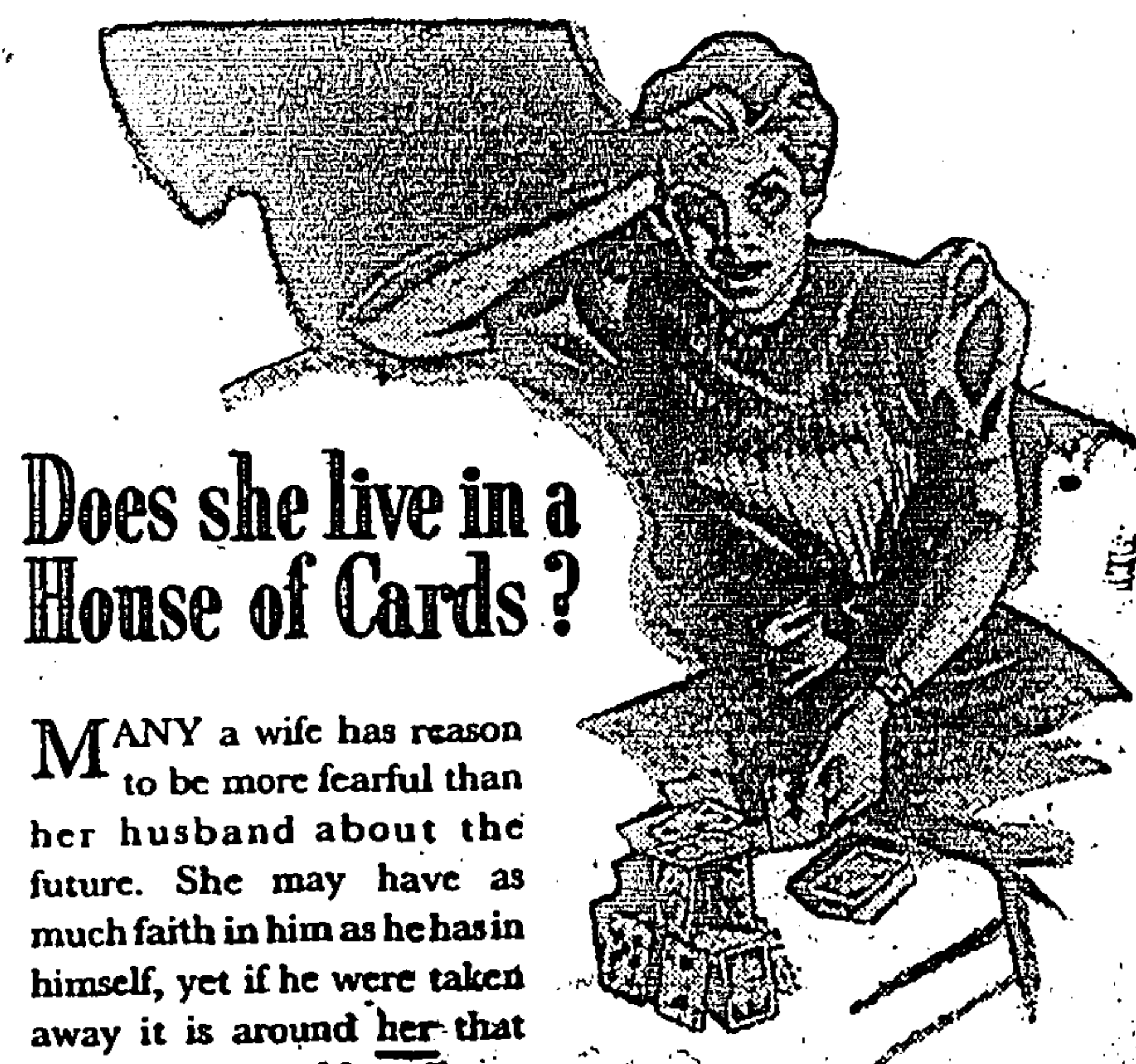


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BRIDGE NOTES

THE RIGHT CARD

By The Four Aces

It isn't always enough for the defence to switch to the right suit; sometimes it is also necessary that they lead precisely the right card of the right suit. For example:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A 10 5		♠ 7 6 2	
♥ A K J 10 6		♥ 8 7 3	
♦ 9 8		♦ A 7 4 3	
♣ 10 6 2		♣ K J 9	

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 4 3		♠ K Q J 9 8	
♥ 5 4 2		♥ Q 9	
♦ Q J 10 6		♦ K 6 2	
♣ A 7 4 3		♣ Q 8 5	

The bidding:

	North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the Queen of diamonds, and East won the trick with his Ace. East saw in a flash that a shift to clubs was vital, but it may prove interesting if we show how he arrived at this decision.

West's lead of the Queen of diamonds denied possession of the diamond King, for if West had held both King and Queen he would have led the King. Hence South had the diamond King, and dummy's doubleton made it plain that the defence could win no further diamond tricks. The chance of winning a trump trick was very small in view of South's jump rebid and North's strong trump holding. The heart suit was obviously solid; since even if South lacked the Queen, the finesse would succeed. Hence the only suit in which the defence could win the three needed tricks was clubs.

But East had three cards in the club suit, and only one of them would produce three tricks. Obviously, any lead would succeed if West held both the Ace and Queen; and no lead would succeed if South held the Ace. But care was needed if South held the Queen and West the Ace.

The proper lead, as East soon saw, was the Jack. Then if South played the Queen, West would take the Ace and the King-nine would win the next two tricks. But if East led the nine of clubs, South would play low and dummy's ten would compel West to play the Ace. Then the Queen would win the third round of the suit.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 10 3 2	
♥ K Q 5	
♦ Q J 10 2	
♣ J 4 3	

The bidding:		Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠	
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠	
3♠	Pass	(7)			

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your pass on the second round doesn't commit you to weak action for the rest of the auction. Partner's bidding indicates a good hand with reasonable game prospects—and it pays to bid for game rather than try only for a part-score on hands of this type. Score 100% for four spades, 20% for pass.

Question No. 758

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

	Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass	4♠
5♠	Pass	(7)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SWORE OATH ON NATIVE SOIL

BACK IN ENGLAND after their raid on Oksfjord, Norwegian sailors recently narrated how they had planted the Norwegian national flag on the soil of their mother country and had all sworn a solemn oath under it that one day they would plant this same flag for good on the soil of a free Norway.

It was the flag which they had carried with them on their earlier expedition and raid on the Lofoten Islands.

The raid on Oksfjord accomplished its aim of destroying an important herring oil factory in Northern Norway from which the Nazis have been obtaining a substitute for the whale oil whose industry has been lost to them.

Throughout it was carried out by Norwegian forces aboard a Norwegian destroyer flying the Norwegian flag.

The destroyer sailed up the narrow fjord in the early dawn light between high snow-covered mountains, and the landing party was fully prepared to meet resistance.

No Germans Seen

No Germans were seen, however, and the local population offered no resistance.

One of the sailors said:—

"Hitler boasted that wherever Allied forces landed on the Continent of Europe the Germans would be there to meet them. But we saw none, although we were quite ready to tackle them had we encountered any."

Another said: "It was just like a pleasant Easter excursion home."

One of the men wore a pair of mittens which had been given him by one of the islanders. It was in the national colours of red, white and blue, and had embroidered on the back of each hand, "Long live the King," an illustration of how King Haakon has come to symbolise the popular resistance to the Nazi invaders even so far north as Oksfjord.

The men distributed food to the islanders and, also copies of the Norwegian newspaper published in London.

Ashore 2½ Hours

They were ashore two and a half hours, and in that time completely destroyed the machinery at the oil refinery with high explosives. They waited to put out a fire which the explosions had started so that it would not spread to the workers' homes.

As they left the cheers of the islanders resounded down the fjord.

The Oksfjord factory has a normal peace time output of 1,000 tons of herring oil, but it is possible that the Germans have lately increased this, because it is badly needed for the manufacture of explosives and for fats.

GERMAN PRESS HAS LIBERTY—TO BE NAZI

How foreign correspondents in Berlin are muzzled is described by Georges Verdene in the Tribune de Geneve.

Verdene has returned to Switzerland after touring Germany with a party of ten Swiss journalists, as guests of Goebbels.

"The numerous contacts the Swiss journalists had with their Berlin correspondents of Swiss newspapers," he writes, "have enabled them to see for themselves that the Press in Germany enjoys a certain liberty, but on condition it exactly reflects the opinion of official circles."

"There is no preventive censorship, but journalists know by experience to what sanctions they expose themselves if they criticise the Government."

"The work of the foreign correspondent in Berlin is certainly not easy, and most of their time they must content themselves with reproducing news they collect from the Ministry of Propaganda, or by indulging in the game of speculation on current events."

GANG GUNS FOR HG'S

The Home Guard are to be given tommy-guns, rifles, and revolvers seized by the United States police from the former gangsters of Chicago and New York.

Under recent United States legislation, the American police are empowered to hand over revolvers and guns in their possession, and these, with others given by private citizens, are now reaching England in considerable quantity.

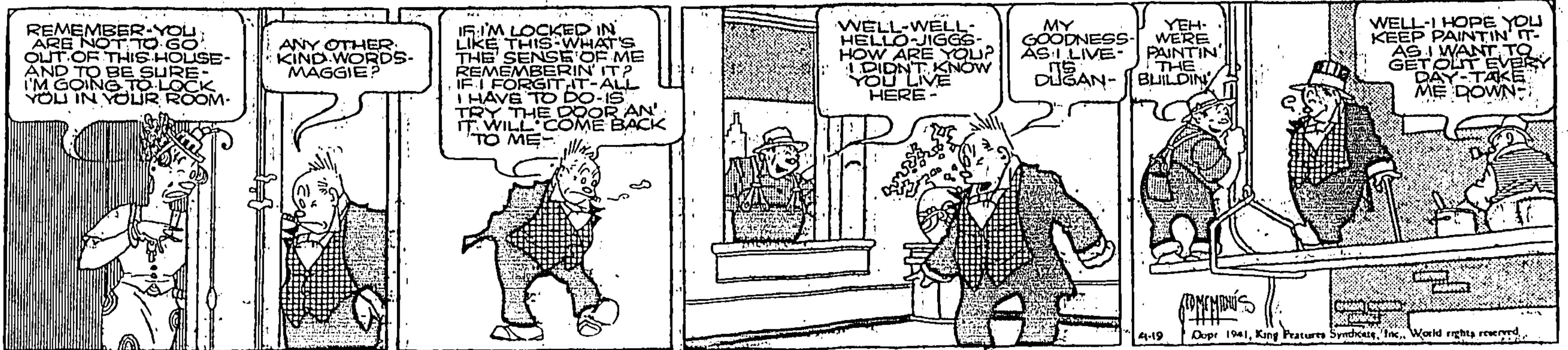
Britain had received from America up to March 1: 2,972 guns, 3,108 revolvers, 1,517 binoculars, 286,024 rounds of ammunition, 5,791 steel helmets and 231 stop-watches.

The Countess of Jersey recently distributed some of these arms to a Home Guard unit whose duty it is to defend an aeroplane factory.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Men Like This Kind Of Picnic

By Gwendolin Keene

Have you ever noticed that pictures of the typical American picnic almost invariably show several ladies and just about one man — and a restless-looking one at that? If your men (friends or relatives) are picnic-shy, they can be cured by being invited to a strictly masculine-style affair. And if they're allowed to take hold and run the picnic, once they have arrived, their conversion is assured.

"Kenneth's own" is a picnic formula evolved by a young bachelor friend to the delight of his friends of both sexes and all ages. It's good for day or evening. And with slight changes it could be adapted to take in any youngsters the "young marrieds" might bring along. It takes a good two hours and a half to accomplish, and the host is on the job every minute. But the result is more than worth it.

The group generally numbers eight, and provisions are described as follows:

1 quart bottle tomato cocktail (better than plain tomato juice).

1 box small salty crackers, any kind.

Enough anchovy paste, peppery cheese or other spread to take care of the crackers.

Steaks, one a piece — "squares, circles or what have you; no bones of course. Stand over the butcher and make him cut them specially for you, and have them at least an inch thick. Get whatever grade you can afford, and personally I allow three-quarters of a pound a person and it's never thrown away."

2 potatoes a piece, one white and one sweet if you like.

Salad — about 2 heads of lettuce, 4 or 5 tomatoes, couple of cucumbers, 1 pepper.

1 roll a piece, any kind.

1 pound butter.

16 medium-sized onions.

8 cups cocoa ready to reheat.

1 box sugar.

2 boxes marshmallows.

1 bottle prepared French dressing.

Pick your site with "seclusion to suit," preferably with water and firewood available — though if you choose the beach you may have to bring your own. Immediately on arrival start a fire, using small sticks for quick embers. When you get them, rake them off, insert potatoes in ashes, rake embers back on top of them, and relax. While the potatoes bake (it takes about an hour and a half) get the girls started on preparing the salad and buttering the rolls. Set out your dishes and enjoy another breathing spell.

Start the onions frying in butter; use a cover on the pan for faster cooking and add more butter from time to time as needed. As the onion fragrance is wafted down the breeze you'll find your friends returning without delay to the scene of operations. Get the girls to spread the crackers and open the tomato cocktail. Hand them around to the hungry throng and began to reheat the cocoa.

When the onions are practically done, cook the steaks, broiling them for ten minutes in long-handled broilers of the toaster variety. Hold them almost directly on top of the glowing embers.

Excavate the potatoes, award the steaks, and smother the whole in onions. As the assemblage gradually regains the power of speech, distribute the rolls, cocoa as requested and salad. Prepare for a chorus of heartfelt compliments.

From now on, the moon may rise and wane; stars may wheel in the heavens — the success of the party is assured.

This bachelor declares that you don't really need dessert at this picnic. But the marshmallows, he says, have a way of disappearing. Song and story will come in due season. Dishes can simmer in a pan or be forgotten. Here's to masculine picnics — long may they flourish!

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Australia's Canteen Cooks

By Olwen Francis

The other morning, before the early office rush, I met my very attractive young neighbour staggering down our shady suburban street in Sydney. With her husband in Palestine, and her two boys both ardent navy leaguers, she has thrown herself with all her lovely fervour into women's war work. "Night session at All Services Canteen," she answered my uplifted eyebrows, "and last-minute breakfast rush for the Air Force on leave."

I felt, partly responsible, but quite happily so, for the scheme in which my young neighbour is now participating was started by

myself and the Australian President of the National Council of Women just two years ago, the idea having struck us both in the Sydney Lyceum Club elevator. We had just left a meeting of the newly formed Australian Women's Voluntary Services. We decided it would be a good idea to work out a plan immediately for training women volunteers in large-scale, emergency cookery.

Within a month my organisation (the Australian Gas Light Company) was lecturing to eight enrolled groups in our cookery theatres. Each group included 100 members. The scheme has since grown to such an extent that not only the Women's War organisations, but also other bodies have chosen groups of their members to qualify as Canteen Cooks.

This training consists of ten two-hour cookery demonstrations, at the end of which a theory examination is held. From those who qualify in this examination, are chosen groups of 12 students, to take a practical cookery course of eight three-hour periods. The lectures in this course are based on a three-fold plan, and deal with Kitchen Organisation, Food Requirements, and the Basic Principles of Cookery.

Immediately after the declaration of War many of these trainees in Sydney, and in other capital cities — they now number several thousand who have qualified by examination — had the opportunity for practical experience in large-scale catering. In Sydney, the Church Hut for men of the Army, Navy and Air Force on leave was built in the grounds of St. Andrew's Cathedral. The Anzac Buffet was opened in Hyde Park almost in the shadow of Australia's great War Memorial. The Women's All Services Canteen is open all night and day at the Central Railway Station. These and other centres are all staffed with voluntary cooks and waitresses, and meals are served daily.



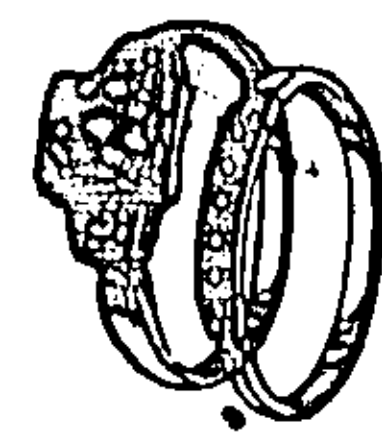
Gold digging. Gert says she doesn't mind being taken for a ride. If the trip is on a luxury yacht.

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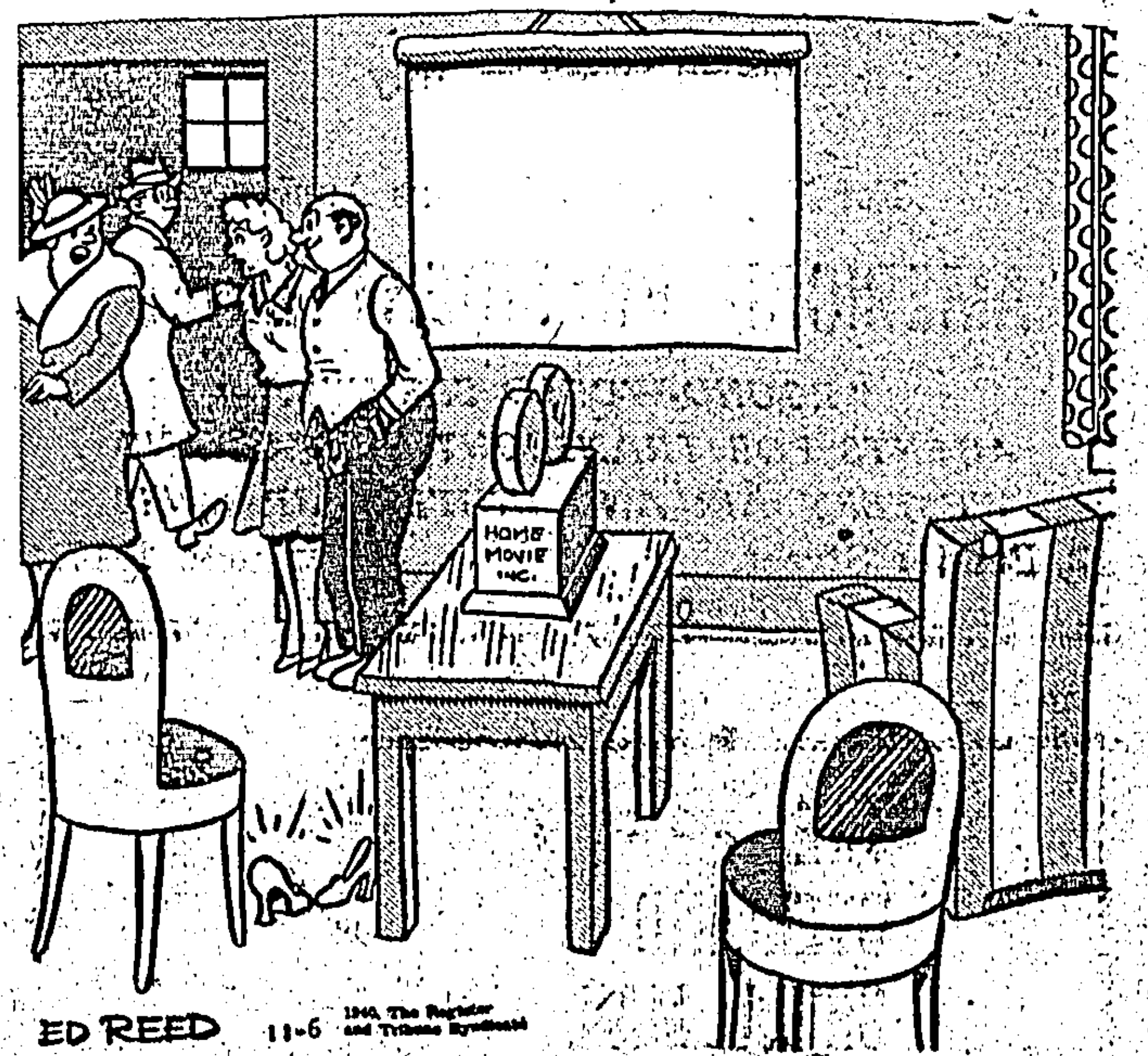
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-

12.30 p.m.—Al Bollington (Organ), and
The Mills Brothers.
Swing is the Thing (Mercer, Bloom).
The Mills Brothers (Four Boys
and a Guitar).Escapade (A Mexican Elopement—
Phillips). Speak to Me of Love—In-
tro: Love's last word is spoken
(Bixio)...Al Bollington (Organ).Sleepy Time Gal (Egan & Others).
My Gal Sal (Dresser)...The Mills
Brothers."Rosette" Selection (Cole Porter).
Once In A While (Green-Edwards).
...Al Bollington (Organ).My Headache (Razaf, Johnson). Miss
Otis Regrets (Cole Porter)...The
Mills Brothers.1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and
Programme Summary.1.02 p.m.—The New Symphony Orches-
tra and Keith Falkner (Baritone).
"Mors Et Vita"—Judex (Gounod)...
New Symphony Orchestra cond. by
Lawrence Collingwood.Shepherd, See Thy Horse's Foaming
Mane; Had A Horse (Both from
'Hungarian Folk Songs'—Korby).
...Keith Falkner (Baritone) with
Piano accomp.Islamey—Oriental Fantasy (Bala-
kireff, arr. Casella)...New Sym-
phony Orchestra cond. by Eugene
Goossens.In Summertime On Bredon (Hous-
man-Peel). Birds In The High Hall
Garden; O Let The Solid Ground
(from 'Song Cycle 'Maud'—Tenny-
son-Somerville)...Keith Falkner
(Baritone) with Piano accomp.Valse Triste ('Kuolema'—Sibelius).
New Symphony Orchestra cond.
by Eugene Goossens.1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and
Announcements.1.45 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) at
the Piano.

Serenade in Blue (Gilbert).

Where Or When (film 'Babes in
Arms').Pennies from Heaven—Film Selection
(Burke & Johnston).Born to Dance—Film Selection (Cole
Porter).

2.00 p.m.—Eddie Carroll & His Music.

Fox-Trot—There Won't Be Any Spring
(film 'The Flying Trapeze').Waltz—Marie Louise (film 'The Fly-
ing Trapeze').

Swing Fox-Trot—Monotony.

Romantic Waltz Medley—Intro:
Diane; My Buddy; Was It a Dream?Sweet Memories—Intro: Just a
Memory; The Love Nest; Just a
Cottage Small; Blue Room.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.6.47 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur
and His Band.Fox-Trots—Little Drummer Boy;
Once In A While.Rumba—Six Lessons from Madame
La Zonga.Fox-Trots—All Over The Place; Poor
Little Angelina; Saddle Your Blues
to a Wild Mustang.

Slow Fox-Trot—Imagination.

Quicksteps—I Haven't Time To Be A
Millionaire (from 'If I Had My
Way').Fox-Trots—Tears from My Inkwell;
You Grow Sweeter as the Years
go By.

7.20 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Duets—Have You Seen My
Chickens? (The Chicken Duet—
Longstaffe); Oh Sarah! Oh Enery!
(Longstaffe)...Tommy Handley
and Jean Allistone with Orchestra.Piano—Happy As The Day Is Long
...Ramona; Ralsin' The Rent
(both from 'The Cotton Club Re-
view')...Ramona and Roy Bargy.Humorous Monologue—The Scout-
master (Tilley)...John Tilley.Organ—Torch Parade No. 2—Intro:
The Woodpecker Song; Too roman-
tic; A nightingale sang in Berkeley
Square; Arm in arm; If I should
fall in love again; You gorgeous
dancing doll...Sidney Torch.Novelty—Jack Hylton Throws A
Party—Guests: Tommy Handley,
Jack Barty, Nelson Keys, Hilda
Mundy & Billy Caryl, Freddie Fox,
The Swingettes, Peggy Bell, Tom
Webster and Jack Hylton's Boys.Trio & Vocal—Vocal In Swing (Raye-
Prince)...Sid Phillips Trio, with
the Greene Sisters.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Piano Recital by Egon Petri.
Sonata in F Sharp Major (Bach).

SOHO WAITER WAS PARATROOP HERO

FOR 20 YEARS before the war Fortunato Picchi was one of the hundreds of Italian waiters in Soho.

Lots of people knew him, for he was efficient, and he had that type of smile which makes you take an instinctive like to a man.

But he would never have won fame for that.

Now, however, his name is one of the foremost on the scroll of heroes who died—are dying daily—in the Battle for Freedom.

For Fortunato Picchi was the waiter who turned parachutist—the Italian who went with the British paratroops as guide and comrade in their famous raid last February on the toe of Italy.

Interned

The war for Fortunato was not just a fight by the British against the Germans and Italians; it was, he knew, the fight for freedom—freedom for Italians and Germans as well as for Czechs and Poles and the rest.

When Mussolini stabbed France in the back, Fortunato was thrust into the Isle of Man internment camp with other Italians.

But that did not suit Picchi the waiter, who had always hated Mussolini and Fascism.

A few months ago he volunteered to serve England in any capacity designed to wreck the Duce's war effort.

So, Picchi the waiter became Picchi the Parachutist—in spite of his 44 years, in spite of the fact that he knew his fellow-countrymen would label him "traitor" if he was captured.

Knowing the Calabrian region of Italy thoroughly, he was able to lead the British paratroops quickly to the places where they could strike the deadliest blows.

Captured

Most of our paratroops got away, after wrecking important objectives in the area.

But Fortunato Picchi did not.

Captured by Fascist troops, he was recognised and denounced, and sentenced to death.

"He was shot as a traitor at a place near Rome," said the Italian announcement.

"When he faced that firing-squad, I'm sure he died with a

Op. 78)—1st Mov: Adagio cantabile; Allegro ma non troppo. 2nd Mov: Allegro vivace.

Indianisches Tagebuch (Busoni).

8.51 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Bolero—Les Filles De Cadiz (Delibes).
Chanson—Indoue (Sadko)—Rimsky-Korsakov.

The Gypsy and the Bird (Benedict).

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
Medea—Overture (Cherubini)...
Millan Symphony Orchestra.

"The Love of the Three Oranges"—
March and Scherzo (Prokofiev, Op. 33a)...Serge Koussevitzky and the
Boston Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Tartini—Sonata for Violin
and Piano ('Devil's Trill'). Yehudi
Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accom-
paniment by Arthur Balsam.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on
Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Bach—Concerto in A Major.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto;
3rd Mov: Allegro ma. con tanto.
Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His
Chamber Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 3
in E Flat Major, Op. 55 "Eroica".
1st Mov: Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov:
Adagio assai; 3rd Mov: Scherzo
(Allegro Vivace); 4th Mov: Finale
(Allegro molto)...Symphony
Orchestra conducted by Albert
Coates.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of
Many Things".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

smile on his lips," one of his friends said.

"Ever since Mussolini got into power his only thought was how he could avenge the free Italy recently.

That is why this was published yesterday:

Picchi.—On Palm Sunday, 1941, Fortunato Picchi sacrificed his life for the cause of freedom. A brave man of high ideals. Until the day broke, dear.—F. R.I.P.

For the time being Italian freedom remains buried, but its spirit lives—"at a place near Rome."

And when it is resurrected the name of Fortunato Picchi will be written up beside that of Garibaldi.

BED IN A BARN 30/-

For permission to sleep in a barn in a village near Bristol, a bombed-out family—father, mother and two children—were asked 30s., said Alderman Charles Gill, chairman of Bristol Housing Committee, recently.

He quoted other cases of extortion in West Country villages.

One couple were paying £6 a week for board and lodging. In another instance £2 was being charged for a double-bedded room without board.

A charge of four guineas a week was made in another village for modest board and lodging.

Two Rooms, 35/-

Mr. A. G. Heard said things were the same all over the country. His niece had been paying 35s. for two rooms in a cottage, and when her husband had to take up work in another district they had to pay 30s. for two rooms in a council house.

Alderman R. M. Lyne suggested proceedings should be taken against people paying excessive rents as well as those demanding or receiving them. One heard of people finding out that others were paying, say, 30s. a week, and offering £2 to the landlord if he would turn out the other tenants.

Alderman Gill said he had told people that even if they had made an agreement, and the rent was excessive, it was not binding.

THE HEN AND THE LAMB SAT BY FIRE

Strange animals are being adopted as domestic pets. Pigs, hens, sheep, lambs, rabbits and monkeys are now taking the place of dogs and cats in some homes.

There have even been cases reported of lion cubs, baby chimpanzees, and a bear being taken into private homes.

Some of the owners are obtaining farm animals and birds to help in the production of food, and others are giving homes to animals affected by the closing of private zoos.

A small pig is the pet of a Hampshire household. At one home I saw a lamb and a hen sitting by the dining-room fire.

At another, a hen was having a meal at the dining table with the rest of the family.

At a third, a rabbit was asleep on the drawing-room sofa.

In each case the owners told me that if they treated these pets in the same way as dogs the creatures soon became remarkably tame and intelligent.

3 NEWCOMERS TO H.K. FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Combined Artillery, Laneford And Tung Yee

HOLDERS HAVE EASY WIN IN COLONY RINKS MATCH

Two rinks and a pairs match in the Colony Bowls Championships were decided last evening when players found the greens at the various clubs rather on the slow side after the heavy rain. Play, however, was maintained at a fairly high standard and though two of the matches (one rinks and the pairs game) were one-sided, the tussle between A. Hyde-Lay (R. P. Phillips, P. A. Peckham, J. E. Henson) and E. C. Fincher (S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, A. W. Smith) was very evenly contested.

In view of the fact that almost every green was lit for play, it was surprising that more players did not take advantage of the opportunity to catch up with the programme that has been so much delayed by bad weather. It is understood, however, that a few more games will be decided this evening.

Hyde-Lay's Good Start

At Kowloon Football Club Hyde-Lay beat Fincher by 19-10.

Scoring 2 2 2 1 Hyde-Lay ran away to a comfortable lead but 4 1 1 at the next three ends brought Fincher within 1 shot of the opposing side's score.

Hyde-Lay then got going again and with 2 1 0 0 2 was 10-0 up at the 11th. From this stage onwards the game was very closely contested and scores were tied at 15-all at the 19th. Then Hyde-Lay got a four but Fincher only managed a single at the last to give the K.B.G.C. rink victory after an excellent game.

Holders Win Easily

Scoring at 10 ends, C. S. Rossetto's rink (R. Baa, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) holders, beat a rink skippered by E. G. Post (J. Forrest, J. Orem and J. C. S. Fender); by 20 shots to 10 at Hong Kong Football Club.

The holders scored at the first six ends, including a four at the fourth, to lead 10-0 before the Police rink replied with a singleton. The Craigengower rink then scored 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 to lead 21-1 at the 14th, but at this stage Police four scored 3 0 1 0 1 to reduce the lead to 23-6. After conceding another three Post chalked up four at the last end to reach double figures.

In the only game yesterday in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, W. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom,



Lee Tak-ke, reserve centre-forward in South China's touring football team, at present in Malaya, is meeting with great success as a right-winger.

of Kowloon Dock, beat M. A. Baptista and G. S. Lind of Craigengower Cricketers Club, by 30 shots to 16 at Civil Service Cricket Club.

Baptista and Lind started with a single but a five at the fourth gave the Dock pair a 5-2 lead. A single and a five at the 8th and 9th ends, respectively gave the Valley pair a 11-8 lead, this being the last time they held the lead.

Williamson and Thom then restored a six and a three, while the opposition were only able to follow with three singles.

The Dock pair then scored 3 2 1 1 1 to lead 30-14 at the 20th. Baptista and Lind scored a two at the last. The Dock pair scored at 11 ends.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the League Bowls teams for Saturday:

CLUB DE RECREIO

Recreio "A" (Away) v. Craigengower "A" (4 p.m.)

J. A. Lus, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and K. F. Luz (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip).

Recreio "B" (Home) v. Kowloon "Bowling Green" (4 p.m.)

D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto (Skip).

F. A. Machado, A. E. Noronha, J. C. Remedios and C. M. Silva (Skip).

C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, M. Rodriguez and A. F. Guterres (Skip).

Recreio "C" (Away) v. H.K. Cricket Club (4 p.m.)

A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

E. L. Baffes, L. A. Rozario, A. P. Pereira and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

G. A. Ribeiro, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Fardra (Skip).

Recreio "D" (Home) v. H.K. Cricket Club (4 p.m.)

F. Sequeira, F. X. Monteiro, A. A. Roza and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).

G. A. Pina, E. A. R. Alves, H. M. Xavier and M. Pina (Skip).

R. A. Camboos, P. Almeida, M. Mendonca and H. R. Pina (Skip).

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

Second Division v. H.K.F.C. (At Valley, 4 p.m.)

W. Noel, J. Eastman, C. Dowman and E. Kern (Skip).

B. D. Evans, A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. C. Simson (Skip).

A. Lapsley, W. C. Gilev, V. Altonza and P. Youngusband (Skip).

Third Division v. H.K.F.C. (At Home, 4 p.m.)

G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre and R. Ogden (Skip).

B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and T. Fergusson (Skip).

13 CLUBS ENTER 1st DIVISION

THREE NEW CLUBS HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, ENTRIES FOR WHICH CLOSED ON MONDAY.

The new clubs are Combined Royal Artillery, Laneford Club, and Tung Yee Club.

In First Division of the League 13 clubs have entered, and of these Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers are newcomers. Royal Artillery entered the Senior Shield Competition last season and were beaten by Eastern in the First Round, while Engineers have figured prominently in Second Division for a number of years.

In Second Division Laneford, Royal Artillery and Eastern are the new applicants. Royal Artillery were represented last season by 30th Battery.

Newcomer to Third Division Tung Yee.

Following are the clubs who will be taking part in the various divisions, club secretaries and divisions in which they are entered are in brackets:

Sing Tao Sports Club (T. Y. Poon, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Royal Navy (Comdr. H. C. Millett, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Royal Air Force (Secretary not yet appointed, 3rd division).

Royal Scots (Lieut. McBell, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Police (N. B. Fraser, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Royal Corps of Signals (Lt. T. Patterson, M.B.E., 2nd and 3rd divisions).

Combined Royal Artillery (Lieut. H. G. Camp, R.A., 1st, 2nd and several teams in 3rd division).

Kwong Wah (W. J. Brown, 1st and 2nd divisions).

R.A.M.C. (Pte. F. E. Florence, 3rd division).

Hong Kong Football Club (E. L.

V.R.C. TRIAL TO-NIGHT

Victorian Recreation Club are holding a trial this evening at 7 p.m. to select their team for the swimming gala against Lai Tsun on Saturday, July 12.

Strange, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Middlesex Regt. (Capt. C. M. Man, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Kowloon F.C. (A. E. Eastman, 1st and 2nd divisions).

Tung Yee (Sze Po-wai, 3rd division).

R.A.S.C. (Sgt. M. S. G. Wood, 2nd and 3rd divisions).

Kit Chee (Sung Che-yin, 2nd division).

Royal Engineers (L/Sgt. Whelan, 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions).

Shell Sports Club (D. E. dos Santos, 3rd division).

Eastern (Sze Po-wai, 1st and 2nd divisions).

St. Joseph's (C. A. Goldenberg, 1st division).

South China (Charles Ying, 1st and 2nd divisions and probably 3rd division).

International Athletic Club, who have been playing in Third Division for the past two years, have not sought re-affiliation.



TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following are to-day's Fourth Division League Tennis fixtures and some of the teams:

A.T.C. v. C.R.C.

P.O.R.C. (1) v. P.O.R.C. (2)

J.R.C. v. C.C.C.

F.C. v. S.C.A.A.

C.B.A. v. K.I.T.C.

S.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. G. Wong and S. L. Chung.

C.B.A.—T. Tomaszewsky and D. T. Smith; N. Whitley and V. C. Bohd; B. I. Bleckford and T. Gaubert.

C.R.C.—T. M. Wong and T. Y. Liang; L. N. Tsang and T. J. Choi; C. Y. Tso and Chan Yiu.

J.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Saffad.

FISHING ONE WAY OF MAKING USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

A local sportsman, who for reasons of his own does not desire his name mentioned, has struck upon a happy plan to spend the prolonged evenings as the result of daylight saving.

Paying a visit to one of the native shipyards in Shaikwan village he managed, after much haggling and bargaining, to place an order for a 14-foot sampan, complete with compartments for the storage of fish (he hopes to catch quite a few), for the princely sum of \$80.

A visit to a second-hand engine dealer's was next on the programme and for a mere song he

acquired a marine engine of about 1 1/2 h.p.

The result, he hopes, should be quite a comfortable "yacht" and as a precaution against the engine falling any time, he has also equipped the boat with a sail and will also ship a pair of oars whenever he goes out in her.

He has kept the day of the launching a dark secret but information received indicates that the great event will be held during the week-end when, to the accompaniment of fire-crackers and great celebrations, the worthy vessel will put to sea.

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BIG RINKS GAME IS POSTPONED

The Second Round game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship between rinks skipped by U. M. Omar and A. M. Holland, which was abandoned last Sunday after only three ends, and which was to have been continued to-day will be played on Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

Omar's rink (A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and B. W. Bradbury) are leading A. M. Holland's four (W. L. Walker, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie) by 4 shots to 1.

CHUNG HWA LEAD R.E. 13 TO 9

The League baseball game between Chung Hwa and Royal Engineers at Chatham Road yesterday had to be called off on account of darkness at 8.30 p.m., when the scores stood in favour of the Chinese by 13 runs to 9 at the end of the sixth inning.

The game was delayed by the non-appearance of the official umpires.

Chung Hwa started well and scored six runs on two hits in their initial inning, and by the third had increased the lead to 12-2. Royal Engineers rallied in the fifth, when they scored six runs and at this stage were playing good baseball.

The biggest hit was by Taylor, who hit a two-bagger.

MORE SUNDAY MORNING CRICKET

Following on the cricket match between University and Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam last Sunday morning, it is understood that a Combined Schools' team will be "asking for a game" from University in the near future—as soon as the examinations are over.

DICK SHIM OFF TO JAVA

Dick Shim, who was pitcher for South China when they won the Baseball Championship some years ago and who has only just returned to the Colony after an extended business visit to the United States, has again left Hong Kong, his destination this time being Java. He says he will be back shortly and if business conditions permit of his staying here for any length of time, he will take a more active interest in baseball than he had done for some time.



FAMOUS CRICKETER PASSES

Mr. Edward Wentworth Dillon, the brilliant Kent left-hand batsman and England Rugby three-quarter, died recently at the age of 60.

As a Rugby player Mr. Dillon assisted Blackheath. He was capped against Scotland, Ireland and Wales in 1904, and against Wales in 1905.

Damage done by the typhoon threat to the Colony on Monday included the wreckage of part of the corrugated-iron fencing round the Kowloon Football Club ground and some "light displacement" to the baseball stand at Chatham Road. Fortunately, however, in neither case was the damage very great.

Cambridge University, after an easy passage to the last stage, won the Middlesex Rugby seven-a-side tournament before a crowd of 2,000, defeating a Welsh Army team in the final at Richmond by two tries scored by Crichton and Wright, to all.

TWO SUCCESSES FOR HIS MAJESTY AT FIRST COUPON ASCOT MEETING

(By Reuter's Sport Commentator.)

ALTHOUGH NOTABLE FEATURES, LIKE THE FASHION PARADE AND THE ROYAL DRIVE DOWN THE COURSE, WERE MISSING, THE SUBSTITUTE ROYAL ASCOT MEETING AT NEWMARKET YESTERDAY RETAINED ITS ROYAL ASPECT SINCE HIS MAJESTY THE KING GAINED A TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR "DOUBLE."

The expectation that His Majesty has a great chance of winning the Derby and the Oaks next year was strengthened when his horse Big Game won the Coventry Stakes and his entry Sun Chariot carried off the Queen Mary Stakes for fillies, thereby virtually establishing themselves as the outstanding two-year-olds.

Not since Limglight won at Ascot for the late King George V have there been such enthusiastic demonstrations.

The cheering and handclapping began when His Majesty's colt was 1½ furlongs from home. Sun Chariot, daughter of a former Derby winner, Hyperion, got home in a thrilling finish to beat Glanceley's Perfect Peace by a head in an exciting climax to a hard-fought race. There was no cheering until the number went into the frame owing to the uncertainty of the result.

This is the first time for many years that the Royal colours have

been twice successful in the same afternoon, and represented His Majesty's eighth success this season.

Harry Wragg, who rode both winners, also rode Sir Hugh Cuncliffe Owen's Finis (4 to 1) to victory in the Gold Cup over 2½ miles, beating Dorothy Paget's Oidon (8 to 1) by a head, with Winterhalter (7 to 2) only a neck behind.

This was the first "coupon" Ascot and, judging by the sober atmosphere of the meeting, no one would have imagined it to be Gold Cup day. Fewer women were seen, and it was obvious that none of them were willing to waste precious coupons on a special Ascot outfit which would have cost 16 coupons. Fewer toppers and morning coats were seen and motorists evidently heeded the warning against petrol waste, for there were less than 500 cars in a park that would have taken 2,000 cars.—Reuter.

SCALZO LOSES HIS TITLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Richie Lenos, 21-year-old Los Angeles Mexican fighter, won the world's featherweight title on Tuesday night when he knocked out Petey Scalzo in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.—International News Service.

Scalzo had held the title for 13 months.

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, Middlesex "A" beat Middlesex "B" by seven clear goals at the "Y" pool last night. Burde (2), Ure (2), Burdon, Jennings and Jones were the goal-scorers.

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"My Master and Mistress both smoke 'em"

GOLD FLAKE CIGARETTES

WILL'S GOLD FLAKE CIGARETTES

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CRYPTIC TOKYO HINT OF FOREIGN POLICY

Statement Does Not Carry Situation Further

BURMA-CHINA RAILWAY PROJECT

Mr. Strickland, in charge of the Kunlong border extension, has arrived at Lashio with a staff for the construction of a telephone line along the railway project. Other engineers from England and America are expected.—Reuter.

Bombs on Prisoner Camp

It was authoritatively stated in Jerusalem yesterday that enemy aircraft raided a war prisoners camp somewhere in Palestine on Tuesday night, dropping bombs on German and Italian prisoners quartered there.

Twelve prisoners were injured

Japanese Press Urges Boldness

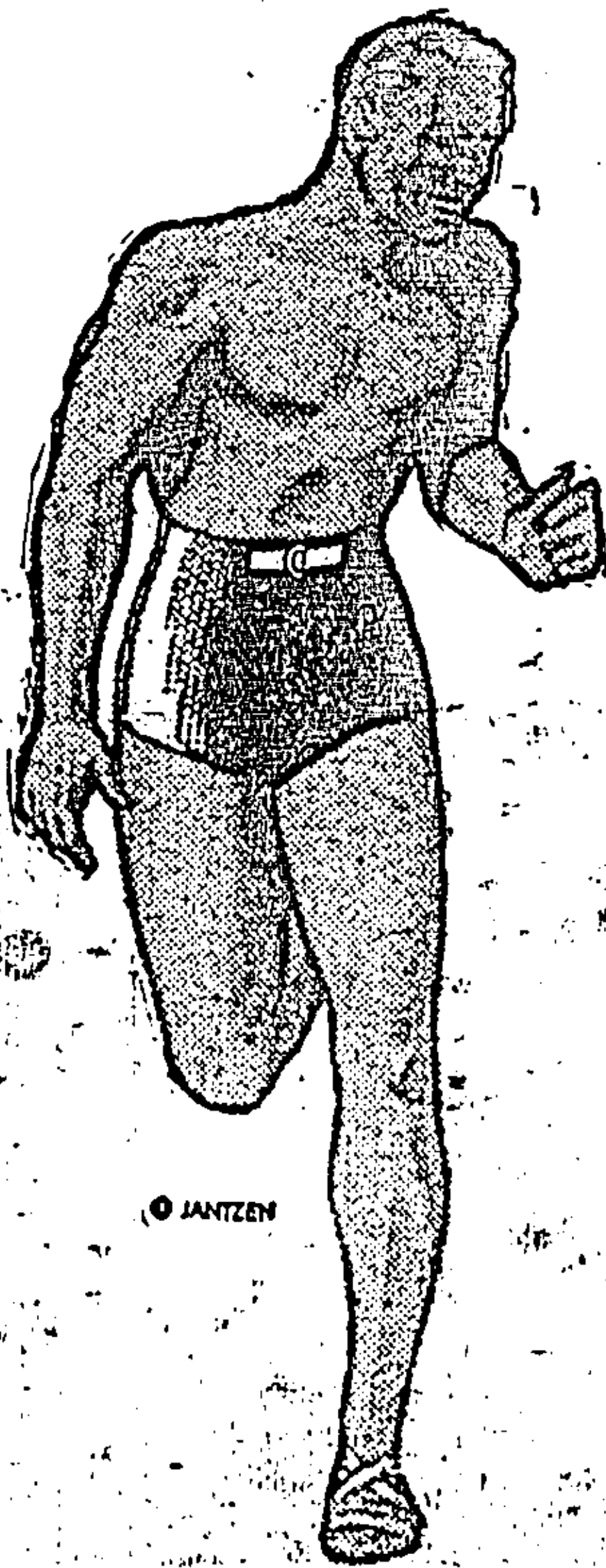
NO AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LONDON REGARDING THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF POLICY ENUNCIATED YESTERDAY MORNING, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

Obviously the statement will require careful study and consideration. In the meantime there seems to be a certain lack of any clearly formulated policy as the statement does not seem to carry the situation much further, or clarify the immediate intentions of the Japanese Government.

There seems little doubt that the statement is not unconnected with the recognition of the Nanking government by Germany and her Axis satellites. Simultaneously, the action

in the German officers' section, some seriously, and the section containing Italian other ranks was also hit, but no casualties are as yet reported.

The camp was brilliantly flooded and its location had been notified to the Spanish consular authority in charge of German and Italian interests.—Reuter.



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STOP PRESS

Study of the latest Russian and German communiques in conjunction with map underlines the campaign's most interesting feature—the extraordinary depth over which fighting is going on.

From the fact that over a depth 180 to 200 miles many bodies of troops, some of them large, are in conflict, qualified military observers in London reach a consequent, interesting problem—how far can the German mechanised forces continue to advance with large enemy bodies astride the lines of communication, necessitating the dropping back of considerable forces to maintain these lines and contain enemy bodies of advance.

It is seen as a possibility that the process may continue till the German forces at the head of an advance find supplies not coming through.

While the same consideration applies in some degrees to the Russian forward bodies it is felt that the Russians will have organised a static system of supply bases.—British Wireless.

SOVIET AND TOKYO POLICY

Answering questions in Moscow yesterday, M. Lozovsky, Vice-Chief of the Soviet Information Bureau, said it was too early to comment on the declaration of Japanese policy.

He added: "The position remains the same as when Mr. Matsuoka was here and there is no ground for change."

Answering a whole series of assertions made over the German radio and in the German press, such as that the Government had left for the Ural Mountains, that the Germans were on Moscow's doorstep and that the Moscow population had greeted with joy their German liberators, he pointed out that the Pope in his broadcast last Sunday did not defend Germany and Italy for their aggression against the Soviet Union.

He added the Pope merely said that peoples were being led towards misery and poverty and did not declare a holy crusade against the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

alleged Soviet losses there and in other sectors of the front from June 22 to July 1 as 5,774 armoured cars, 2,330 guns and A.A. guns, four armoured trains, an "innumerable" quantity of machine-guns and rifles, 4,725 planes and 160,000 prisoners.

"With the stubborn resistance put up by the Soviet forces and their determined efforts to break through, the number killed will be many times higher than the prisoners," concludes the announcement, adding: "Our own losses on the whole remain fortunately small."—Reuter.

The following is the text of a communique issued by the Soviet Information Board shortly after midnight this morning:—

"During July 2, our troops waged stubborn and fierce battles against enemy infantry in the directions of Murmansk and Kexholm and against enemy mobile troops in the sectors of Dvinsk, Borisov, Slutsk, Bobruisk and Luck.

"In other sectors of the front the Soviet troops hold firmly the State frontier against the enemy who attempted to cross it.

"In the direction of Murmansk our troops are holding up an offensive of enemy infantry numbering about two divisions against the Sredni Peninsula, and inflicted a heavy defeat on them.

"In the Kuolajarvi sector and on the Karelian Isthmus our troops are successfully repulsing all attacks by the enemy, inflicting heavy losses.

"In the direction of Dvinsk, in the second half of the day, big battles were engaged between our troops and the enemy.

"In the directions of Borisov, Slutsk and Bobruisk, severe fighting took place during the day between our troops and enemy mobile units.

"ATTEMPTS BY THE ENEMY TO BREAK THROUGH ARE BEING FRUSTRATED BY THE STUBBORN RESISTANCE OF OUR TROOPS AND THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS OF OUR AIR FORCE.

"In the direction of Luck our troops continue engaged in stubborn and intense fighting.

"The enemy continues the attempts to penetrate to the south-east but everywhere his efforts are breaking as a result of the firm and stubborn resistance of our troops.

"Our air force delivered during the day a number of devastating blows against enemy tank units in the Luck sector and bombed Bucharest, where they blew up the arsenal.

"Warships and fleet air arm units of the northern fleet are supporting the Red Army troops by severe blows against enemy troops.

"Fleet air arm planes shot down five enemy aeroplanes in combats.

"IN ONE SECTOR MANY GROUPS OF ENEMY TANKS CONCENTRATED. SOVIET TANKS WERE SENT AGAINST THEM AND ATTACKED THEM AS THEY ADVANCED ON A ROAD THROUGH A FOREST WHICH PREVENTED THE TANKS FROM TURNING.

"Victory depended exclusively on speed and resolution.

"The leading tank under Sub-Lt. Verenkov opened fire. Three Fascist tanks were put out of action.

"The enemy, taking advantage of damaged tanks, retired at maximum speed. During this fight one of the Soviet tanks was lost.

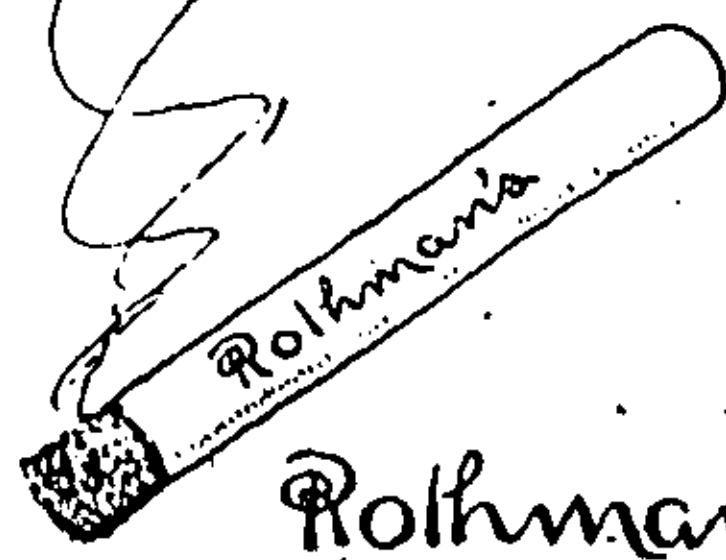
"IN COMBATS WITH GERMAN MECHANISED UNITS CUT OFF FROM THE INFANTRY IN THE WESTERN REGIONS OF WHITE RUSSIA, OUR INFANTRY UNITS ARE DESTROYING HUNDREDS OF ENEMY TANKS.

"The soldiers of one infantry regiment, in addition to artillery and tank traps used successfully to destroy tanks bottles containing an inflammable substance.

"One group commanded by Capt. Morozov destroyed 10 enemy tanks in three days' fighting."—Reuter.

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Defence Holds Against Panzers

PANZERS AHEAD OF MAIN ARMY

German units are only 325 miles from Moscow, according to reports reaching Stockholm, says a despatch to the Vichy news agency.

THESE ARE ADVANCE UNITS, THE DESPATCH SAYS, WHICH HAVE THRUST BEYOND MINSK.

This column has left the main Minsk-Smolensk-Moscow road and is apparently aiming at an encircling movement similar to that carried out east of Bialystok.

MEANWHILE, THESE REPORTS CONTINUE, THE RUSSIANS ARE PREPARING A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.

Large Soviet forces are concentrated at Smolensk, 250 miles east of Minsk, and the same distance

MOSCOW'S WAR CABINET

The formation of the Committee of Five for national defence has come at a psychological moment, it is considered in Moscow. Many factory meetings have been held acclaiming what the British might call the "War Cabinet." — Reuter.

from Moscow.

The despatch adds that fresh Soviet divisions are ceaselessly moving westwards from Moscow. — Reuter.

Intense Battles Round Minsk And In Kiev Drive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NOTHING IN CLOSELY DETAILED SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ON THE VIOLENT SEE-SAW STRUGGLE RAGING ALONG THE FRINGES OF WHITE RUSSIA NORTH AND SOUTH OF MINSK LENDS VERISIMILITUDE TO THE GERMAN CLAIMS OF LARGE CAPTURES OF MEN AND MATERIAL.

On the contrary, the tone of Moscow's reports on the vital battle is uniformly optimistic and far from the German claim that the panzer divisions which have streaked through gaps in the Russian defences are completing a massive encircling movement, the Red Army declares that the spearheads are being nipped off progressively, hundreds of tanks being cut off and destroyed.

Observers note what appear to be the Russian tactics approvingly—defence in depth against tank operations, with swift manoeuvre by infantry formations to prevent German motorised infantry from moving through the gaps in support of their tank units.

The Soviet air force is cooperating in the defence against tank penetrations, by concentrating their efforts against units operating behind the Russian main lines, and delaying them by constant pounding until the Soviet land-cruisers can be deployed into action.

EVERYWHERE, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL MOSCOW, WHICH HAS WARNED THE POPULACE AGAINST ATTENTION TO BERLIN'S FANTASTIC CLAIMS OF PHENOMENAL SUCCESSES, THE SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND.

Neutral sources indicate that a Soviet counter-offensive is in course of preparation. — International News Service.

Stubborn Battles

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ONE MAN'S OPINION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"Russia is fighting for herself," declared Henry C. Wolfe, noted American author and authority on German-Russian affairs, in an interview with the "Shanghai Evening Post."

He expressed the opinion Russia had played into Hitler's hands by offering resistance and not retreating. — International News Service.

BELATED CLAIM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German radio claimed yesterday that the British battleship Rodney was "severely damaged" in the battle in which Hood and Bismarck were lost. — International News Service.

SHANGHAI CRISIS LOOMING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A "HIGHLY authoritative foreign source" told the Shanghai press to-day that the Nanking regime is "definitely known" to be preparing an imminent attempt to take over the Chungking Court in the International Settlement.

It was not stated whether negotiations or force are planned but it is "quite certain" that a Nanking bid is near.

Workers Fracas

On a receipt of a brief message that a fight had broken out between workers outside Taikoo Docks, the Police Emergency Unit was hastily despatched at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

On arrival, they found normal conditions in the neighbourhood.

Later it was ascertained that a fight had broken out between a party of dock workers and a gang of hoodlums, alleged ex-dock employees, in which two men were beaten up.

Before the police arrived, the

The Council stand is "difficult to predict" but will probably depend on the method used.

The source said little can be done if Japan forces back the move.

The Axis recognition of Nanking may be used as an argument as Germans, Hungarians and other nationals without extraterritorial rights now have good grounds not to appear before the Chungking court.

It is recalled that the Chungking court in the French Concession was ceded to Nanking through Japanese mediation last year and that soon after Judge d'Hooghe, legal adviser to the French Municipality, was shot dead by terrorists. — International News Service.

fight was over and the participants had dispersed.

Investigations are proceeding but no arrests have been made. A police unit is patrolling the area to prevent further incidents.



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TOUGHNESS OF CHINA

No Wavering In Chungking

DECISION THIS YEAR FORECAST

"The stakes at issue are the greatest of all time," declared Mr. Richard Casey, Australian Minister to the United States, in a speech to the Institute of Public Affairs at Charlottesville (Va) yesterday.

"They are no less than the future of the world," he added.

"THE WAR WILL NOT END IN 1941 BUT THE ISSUE WILL BE SILENTLY AND FATEFULLY DECIDED IN 1941."

"We in Australia are in no doubt as to what this is about. We all know that if Democracy loses the war we will lose our political and economic freedom and that it is unnecessary for us to be invaded for this to come about."

"This is no more Britain's war than it is Greece's, Norway's and Brazil's war—or yours (the United States)."

"Make no mistake about it, we Australians did not go into the war because of some European dispute. We went in because we realised that if every one of us did not stand by Britain, the writing was on the wall for Democracy and for our way of life and for us."—Reuter.

"Peace Party" Position

UNDER THE TITLE "THE TOUGHNESS OF CHINA," "THE TIMES" PUBLISHES FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA A LENGTHY MESSAGE, FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT.

"Although the Chinese were unable to conceal their dismay when the Matsuoka pact with Russia was announced, General Chiang Kai-shek himself never wavered."

"Since the outbreak of the war in China his attitude has been that of Mr. Churchill after the fall of France, 'we will fight if necessary for years, if necessary alone.'"

"Nor did any of his supporters really misjudge the future. There was a general feeling in Chungking that China, if not betrayed, had been badly served."

"Unable to believe, however, that Russia would withdraw her active support, the Chinese felt the blow was moral rather than material."

"Peace Party"

"Chief moral effect for which observers waited was the reaction of the 'peace party' in Chungking."

"The peace party, small in numbers but never quite dormant, is not a party in the usual sense. It has no avowed leader and no cohesion."

"The term has come to include those elements inside and outside the Government, many of them unknown to each other, who are weary of the hostilities. Their aim is to go home — back to the great cities of the coast."

"Many who in their hearts favour peace are willing to fight on while the hope of victory remains; it is when things are going badly that they tend to relapse."

"Before any voice for peace could be raised in Chungking, much less make itself heard in the councils of state, three things happened which promptly changed the outlook."

New Conference

"Reports were received from Moscow of the Russian intention to continue assistance to China; Britain and the United States announced new currency credits; and Japanese suspicion succeeded the transports of delight with which the Japanese press had acclaimed the pact."

"The Chinese, who had regarded the signing of the pact as a time-bomb, the effects of which could not be seen until the existing flow of Russian supplies had come to hand, now recovered their confidence."

"Among higher Government officials in Chungking it is almost axiomatic that China's future depends on an Allied victory in Europe."

"THEY COULD MAKE PEACE WITH JAPAN TO-MORROW BUT THE JAPANESE ARMY WOULD BE BACK AGAIN IN FIVE OR TEN YEARS UNLESS PEACE WAS GUARANTEED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A GREAT WORLD SETTLEMENT FOR WHICH THE FREE PEOPLES ARE FIGHTING."

"Although relations between the Government and the Chinese Communists can best be described as an armed truce, higher leaders on both sides appear determined to prevent the dispute from interfering with China's resistance to the invaders."

"Important fact about the Communists is not so much that they are Communists as that they are Chinese and may be expected to act as such."

Chungking Raids

"After repeated raids with large numbers of warplanes the Japanese have still failed to realise they can bomb Chungking for years without much effect."

"The city has the finest passive air defences in the world. Dug-outs built in solid rock are capable of sustaining direct hits by the heaviest bombs."

"When it comes to bombing, the Chinese can take it like the British, in a different way perhaps but with equal stoicism."

"Similarly the bombing of the Burma road may hamper but cannot stop the flow of supplies into Free China. Travelers arriving in Chungking have come the whole way from Lashio by road without once being forced to use the river ferries. After the destruction of the bridges over the Mekong, the Chinese constructed a new suspension bridge in seven weeks."

"Handicapped in some of their theatres of war through lack of equipment, the Chinese are still unable to resist major Japanese attacks in the field."

"With the vast number of troops at their disposal, however, they can constantly form new concentrations in different parts of the country which the Japanese are compelled to break up in order to remove threats to the bigger cities in their hands."

Will Unimpaired

"Japan is thus forced to expend her energy in taking towns which she had captured three or four times before."

RAID ON CYPRUS

No damage or casualties are yet reported from a raid by eight enemy planes over the western part of Cyprus yesterday morning.

Bombs were dropped over the Paphos district.—Reuter.

"If the Japanese hoped the Matsuoka pact would assist them in the blockade of China, they appear to have been disappointed."

"Trustworthy figures cannot be obtained of the volume of supplies still coming overland from Russia but some foreign observers believe that it is little short of the present tonnage on the Burma road."

"On balance, the will of the Chinese to carry on the war despite ups and downs, remains unimpaired."

"The rebound from the Matsuoka pact came quickly in the British and American credits, the arrival of an important American air mission in Chungking, and the British Ambassador's cast-iron assurance that the Burma road would be kept open."

Generalissimo's Attitude

"Other more tangible forms of help have followed, and the Chinese now feel they are no longer alone in holding the front in the Far East."

"Almost without exception the educated classes are anxious for an Allied Victory so that they shall be free to build up a great new China of their own shaping."

"General Chiang Kai-shek's attitude may be judged by the report that he threatened to shoot the next emissary who brings him peace overtures from the Japanese."

"Whether true or not there are few Chinese, in the present temper of the Generalissimo, prepared to put this report to the test."—Reuter.

WEATHER AND WORLD PEACE

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"
Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famed Arctic explorer, who arrived unexpectedly in Shanghai yesterday en route to Hong Kong and Australia, said seasonal weather forecasts may bring about world peace.

"Within the next 25 years we may be able to forecast seasonal conditions throughout the world with comparative accuracy."

"We would thus be able to guarantee the production of materials needed by mankind and so break down tariff walls and such trade arrangements which are one of the incentives to international war."—International News Service.

JAPAN ACCEPTS

The Japanese Government has undertaken to protect Italian interests in Russia, says Budapest radio quoted by Reuter.

ARGUMENT ABOUT AN INTERPRETER

Four Greek officers of the s.s. Olga Emperikos threatened to walk out of the Marine Court this morning where they were waiting to answer a charge of continued wilful neglect of duty between June 26 and July 2.

The officers, reported as "missing" last week, were:—Second Officer Nicholas Bristis, 28;

Second Engineer Michel Tsouprakis, 29;
Third Engineer George Kritikos, 29; and
Wireless Operator Nicholas Papadimas, 44.

The men threatened to leave the Court when Mr. D. B. Evans, appearing for Captain Michel Manesis, master of the ship, indicated that he was going to object to Mr. Elias N. Malliarakis, acting as interpreter for the men.

Defendants' solicitor, however, persuaded the officers to abide by the Court's decision.

In his objection before Commander T. C. Stiff, Mr. Evans said the proposed interpreter was a man who had been discharged from a ship and was at present plaintiff in an Admiralty action.

Commander Stiff adjourned the case to 10.30 a.m. to-morrow, ordering the Police to provide an interpreter.

S. AMERICAN AIRMEN IN BRITAIN

A MISSION OF SOUTH AMERICAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS WHICH HAS ARRIVED IN BRITAIN HAS VISITED TWO R.A.F. FIGHTER STATIONS.

The party was received at the first station in the Home Counties by the station commander, Group Captain Broadhurst, D.F.C., whose award of the D.S.O. was announced yesterday morning.

After inspection of the guard of honour by General Bilbao, head of the mission, the party visited the photographic section where they saw camera shots of enemy aircraft being shot down.

At the butts some of the party fired the battery of eight Brownie machine-guns from the cockpit of a Spitfire.

They saw a display given by Spitfire squadrons and were much impressed by the rapidity with which the squadrons took to the air and the perfect formation kept.

At the second fighter station the party saw a squadron land after a sweep over France, which reported they had flown well inland but had not seen a single enemy fighter.—British Wireless.

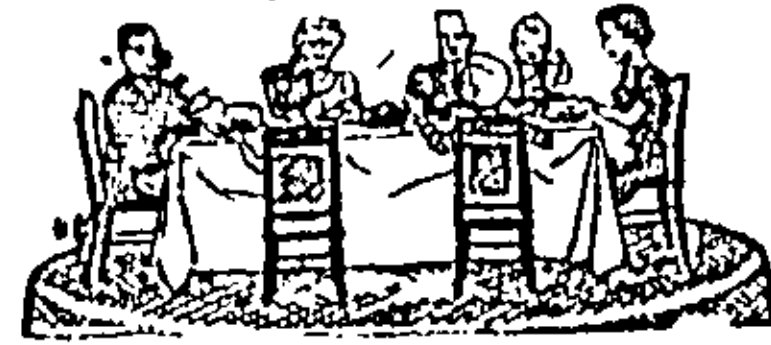
HAINING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

THE WAR OFFICE YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL SIR ROBERT HAINING HAS BEEN APPOINTED INTENDANT-GENERAL MIDDLE EAST.

It is understood the appointment was made because it was felt that a very senior officer was required in the Middle East to deal with complicated administrative problems which are bound to arise.

The appointment takes effect from May 10.—Reuter.

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Pressure For Decision One Way Or Another

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S HOPE THAT AMERICA CAN STAY OUT OF THE WAR, EXPRESSED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, SUPPLIED THE BACKGROUND OF SECRETARY OF NAVY KNOX'S PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN THE LIGHT OF HIS RECENT URGENT APPEAL FOR ACTION.

At his press conference yesterday Col. Knox stated emphatically that no United States vessels on Atlantic patrols had been used for convoy purposes nor had any become involved in combat, and there had been no loss of life, crew or loss of equipment.

Questioned about the Congress criticism of his demand that America should sweep the Nazi menace from the Atlantic, Col. Knox refused to add anything further but admitted he certainly held to what he had said.

THE MORE RESPONSIBLE EDITORIAL WRITERS ARE WORRIED AND SAY SO FRANKLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION.

Arthur Krock, veteran Washington correspondent of the "New York Times," says that on the surface a member of the President's Cabinet is publicly advocating a policy contrary to his chief's calling for war, which the President hopes to avert.

"This," says Krock, "is criticism to the point of insubordination."

The Answer

Krock adds, however, that Col. Knox enjoys both the confidence and trust of the President and says the only answer to why Col. Knox continues to point out that the President's hesitation is at the peril of the national security, is that the President himself has okayed this action of Col. Knox in the hope that the discussion which was bound to arise would put the nation, which at present is divided, behind an eventual decision.

In other words, says Krock, this is a series of scouting expeditions into the public mind and points out incidentally that President Roosevelt has done nothing to implement his promise that the goods must and will be delivered to Britain.

More—On Less

"Give us facts," says the "Baltimore Sun," adding that members of the Cabinet should either say less or more than Col. Knox had done.

The "Sun" continues with a plea to go ahead firmly and vigorously in execution of a policy on which America acts openly—Britain is an ally, as well as a friend, rather than to isolation, although not wanted by the people, than to falter.

An overwhelming majority have decided on full effective aid to Britain and production must be followed by delivery, and if delivery is not being made, then the people must be told so and told the necessary remedies.

Harbinger Of Action?

Let the American people know, says the "Sun," what they need to know for their protection, and let them have leadership in any steps needed for their protection.

The "Washington Post" hopes Col. Knox's speech is the harbinger of action, and says: "If Hitler succeeds in Europe, the American continent will begin to break up."

America's voice in the world would then become a whisper but there is still time to foil Hitler's object to achieve an empire with which to terrorise the rest of the world.

The desperate gamble Hitler is making in Russia calls imperatively for Britain and America

to strike a blow which would deliver both countries from the present harness to Mars, the "Post" concludes.—Reuter.

Sticks To Guns

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Navy Secretary, sticking to his guns, insisted: "Now is the time to clear the Atlantic of the German menace."

Col. Knox denied that the U.S. Navy was on what could be called "convoy duty."

Administration leaders are working to block the introduction in Congress of an impeachment of Col. Knox. The non-interventionist Congressman Taft declared "such a plan is being considered."—International News Service.

BONUS TO CANADIAN WORKERS

Nearly 3,000,000 workers in Canada should be paid a cost of living bonus—this statement of the Canadian Government's policy was made yesterday by Mr. McLarty, the Labour Minister.

The statement was made in Ottawa after the Labour Mediation Board, dealing with a dispute between railway companies and employees, recommended a cost of living bonus in some but not all wage levels.

Mr. McLarty said the Board's finding was rejected because all workers represented before the Board should be treated alike.

While not mandatory on employers, Mr. McLarty expressed confidence the Government would be followed.

THE BONUS AMOUNTS TO 25 CENTS WEEKLY FOR EACH RISE OF ONE PER CENT. IN THE COST OF LIVING ABOVE THE AUGUST, 1939, LEVEL.

The present level shows a rise of 7.7 per cent.

No increases of basic wages above the rates from 1926 to 1940 are intended.—Reuter.

TONNAGE DUTIES SUSPENDED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

President Roosevelt, in another gesture to aid China, issued a proclamation suspending tonnage duties on vessels returning to American ports from Burma. The order is retroactive to June 10.—International News Service.

SOVIET THANKS U.S.A.

It was stated at a press conference in Moscow yesterday that the Soviet has expressed satisfaction and thanks to the United States for the pronouncements of President Roosevelt, Mr. Sumner Welles and Col. Frank Knox on the fight against German domination.

The Soviet newspapers publish extracts from sympathetic articles in the British press.

The Soviet worker now feels he is not alone and that there is no general assault on his country but that the Finnish and Rumanian attacks are merely extensions of German aggression.

The black-out, fire fighting and anti-gas precautions are being rigorously observed in Moscow.

Except for files of boys and girls being evacuated to the country, the only queues in the city are those awaiting newspapers or handing in radio sets.—Reuter.

U.S. WAR COSTS LAST YEAR

The U.S. Treasury announced yesterday that it spent \$12,700,000,000 including \$6,000,000,000 for defence purposes, during the fiscal year ended midnight on June 30.

Expenditures were \$5,100,000,000 in excess of revenue.

The Budget Bureau estimates that in the next fiscal year defence alone will cost the country \$15,500,000,000 and total expenditure will reach \$22,200,000,000.

Reckoning on the new \$3,500,000,000 Tax Bill, which is now pending in Congress, the Treasury anticipates approximate revenues of \$12,500,000,000 which would leave a deficit of \$9,700,000,000.—Reuter.

HARVEST IN THE UKRAINE

The harvest is proceeding very successfully in the Ukraine and Bukovina, according to Moscow radio.

All possible efforts are being directed to gathering crops as quickly as possible to prevent loss.

The announcer added women are working successfully on tractors.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAID LULL CONTINUES

The daylight raid lull over Britain continued yesterday, no reports of bombs having been dropped in any part of the country having been received up to 6 p.m.—Reuter.

Burma Road Damage

Traffic on the road from Lashio (Burma) to China has been interrupted by floods and landslides and a bridge near Chefang has been washed away.

The Transport Control Officer has forbidden lorries proceeding to China in order to avoid congestion.

One Chinese lorry crashed into the stream below, slipping off the road, the driver miraculously escaping.

One transport company rushed rations to feed marooned drivers. Latest information is that the floods are subsiding and that the bridge can be replaced in four days.

The highway within the Burma frontier is also affected.—Reuter.

NUMEROUS MINES ADRIFT

In a general warning to masters of ships and other persons to keep a close watch for drifting mines, the Harbour Department states that at least fourteen mines are known to be ashore or adrift.

Seven were seen at Leung Kan Tan, close inshore, and two more were ashore at 18-mile beach nearby.

One has been seen south-west of Cheungchau, one at Shek Tong Shui, one in Castle Peak Bay, one at Rai Ho Wan, and one at Sui Lam.

There may be others adrift or ashore, it is stated.

Masters of all craft are warned to keep a sharp look-out. Should any floating and drifting mines be sighted, they should be reported to the earliest opportunity to any Naval Patrol Craft, the Water Police, or the Harbour Master.

AMERICA'S BUDGET

President Roosevelt has signed five appropriation bills totalling \$3,500,000,000.

This brings the total cash outlays and contract authorisations approved by Congress since January to the largest figures in the history of the United States.

The five bills include \$910 millions for relief, \$1,100,000,000 for the Labour Department and the Federal Security Agency, and \$1,340,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture and the farmers' aid programme.—Reuter.

CALL TO NATIONAL EFFORT

A call to the American nation for "greater toil and sacrifice, that our children may be insured against despotism and slavery," was made by Mr. William Knudsen, U.S. Defence Chief, yesterday in a statement in connection with Independence Day on Friday.

It was wrong, he said, to believe as some did that the Nazi invasion of Russia meant the danger to the U.S. had again been averted.

"The danger to our shores is greater than ever," he said.

Mr. Knudsen declared the war effort must be pushed forward so that the U.S. can "give all needed help to the nations fighting the battle of freedom."—Reuter.

CANADIANS OUTWIT U-BOATS

Defying-Nazi attempts to blockade Britain, the largest contingent yet of Canadian troops has just arrived safely in Britain.

It includes many thousands of men—black-bereted tank men, engineers, husky lumberjacks of the Canadian Forestry Corps, infantry reinforcements, nurses, army doctors and representatives of almost every other branch of the Canadian Army.

Hundreds of airmen were also aboard.

It was also announced last night that Belgian troops have arrived in Britain from Canada where they were trained. They will join the Free Belgian forces.

The Belgian National Defence Minister, M. Cuth, has sent them a welcome and congratulations on their safe crossing.—Reuter.

NARCOTIC PROBLEM REVIVED

INCREASINGLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF HASHISH AND OPIUM ARE ENTERING EGYPT AS A RESULT OF THE WAR, ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF RUSSELL PASHA (SIR THOMAS WENTWORTH RUSSELL), DIRECTOR OF THE EGYPTIAN CENTRAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.

He declares that conditions in Syria threaten the reversion of that country to its former role of being the principal hashish-producing country in the East and the high road of opium traffic for Egypt.

The Report shows traffic in heroin, which is sea-borne, has been practically stopped, while hashish and opium, which come from and through Syria, have increased.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT JULY FOUR BROADCAST

President Roosevelt's broadcast to the nation on Independence Day on Friday is fixed for 1 a.m. (G.M.T.) The occasion is a nation-wide patriotic rally.—Reuter.

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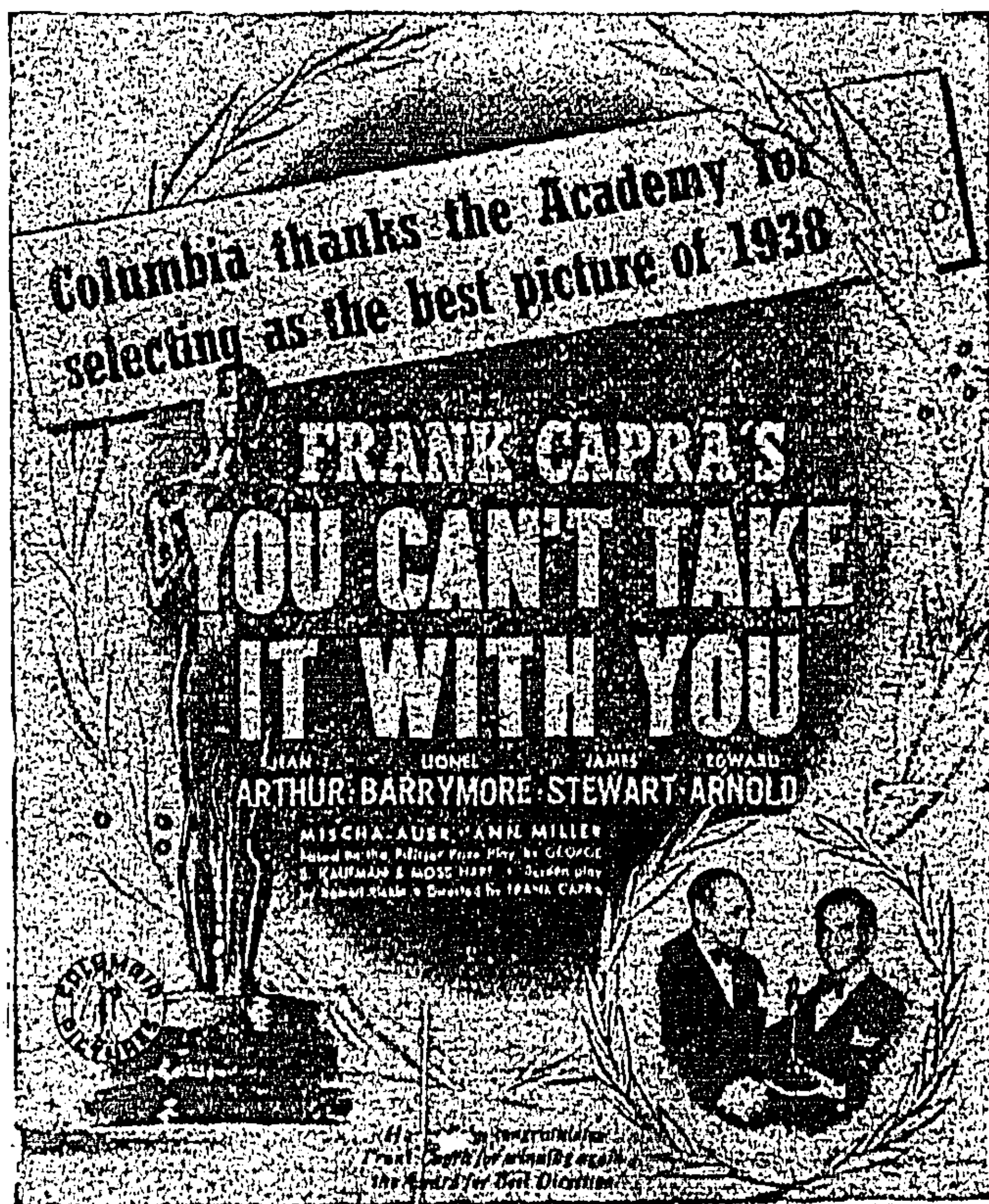
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**GENERAL SIR CLAUDE
AUCHINLECK
ALREADY IN CAIRO****GENERAL SIR Claude Auchinleck, new
General Officer Commander-in-Chief,
Middle East, is already in Cairo, which he
reached from India, says Reuter.**According to International News, the
switching of posts between Sir Claude and
General Sir Archibald Wavell is a hint of Bri-
tish plans to use India as an avenue for aid of
Russia as well as a strengthening of India's
defences against a possible German blow.The announcement has caused
a sensation in London and the
press is at a loss immediately to
interpret the exact importance of
the change.Some papers suggest General
Wavell has been given a better
job owing to the strain of his
duties in the Greek, Libyan and
Syrian campaigns.THE AUTHORITATIVE PRESS
ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER,
SUGGESTS GENERAL WAVELL
IS GOING TO TAKE ACTIVE
CHARGE TO AID RUSSIA VIA
INDIA.The "Daily Express" speaks of
the fear of a Russian collapse and
the consequent German menace to
India.**Lyttelton Post**Importance is also attached in
the London press to the appoint-
ment of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton as
special representative of the
War Cabinet in the Middle East.
Mr. Lyttelton has also arrived
in Cairo by special fast plane.—
International News and Reuter.**LYTTELTON
H.Q. IN CAIRO**Mr. Oliver Lyttelton's
headquarters will be in
Cairo, Reuter's lobby cor-
respondent understands.Insofar as his civil work will
include the dissemination of in-
formation and other political
activities from the British side,
those activities will be carefully
designed not to touch Egypt's
domestic affairs or the normal
relations of Sir Miles Lampson,
British Ambassador, with the
Egyptian Government.Cairo has been chosen as an
obviously convenient centre for
Mr. Lyttelton's work which at
no time will be allowed to over-
step the line of Egypt's position
as a sovereign State.—Reuter.**DARLAN
MISSION
FAILS**ADMIRAL DARLAN'S SECRE-
TARY OF STATE, BENOIT
MECHIN, HAS FAILED TO OB-
TAIN PERMISSION TO SEND
ARMS TO SYRIA VIA TURKEY.
IT WAS STRONGLY RUMOUR-
ED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY.
It is believed he is now trying
to obtain permission for the
evacuation of French from Syria
via Turkey.—Reuter.**BOMBAY RETURNS
TO NORMAL**After 36 hours of interruption
due to torrential rains, telegraph
communication between Bombay
and other parts of India has been
restored, says Reuter.**CHINESE ESCAPES**While waiting to be charged at
Central Police Station at 12.15
p.m. yesterday, a Chinese who
had been brought in by a Police
Reservist, slipped out of the
Station and escaped.**RUSSIAN HARVEST**The reaping of the harvest is
proceeding very well in Czerno-
vitz and Bukovina, it was stated
on Moscow radio yesterday, says
Reuter.**THAT MAN
AGAIN**THE BROADCAST MADE RE-
CENTLY BY DR. BENES WAS
SEIZED UPON BY MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
AS A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY
TO ENDEAVOUR TO EXTORT
A STATEMENT FROM GOV-
ERNMENT ABOUT HESS.The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Cle-
ment Attlee, refused the invita-
tion, and the ensuing supplemen-
tary questions were so diverse
that a member suggested that as
they mutually answered each
other they might be pinned to-
gether as a White Paper.He added that "anyway the
average person in Britain does not
care a cuss." Mr. Attlee cordial-
ly concurred.—Reuter.

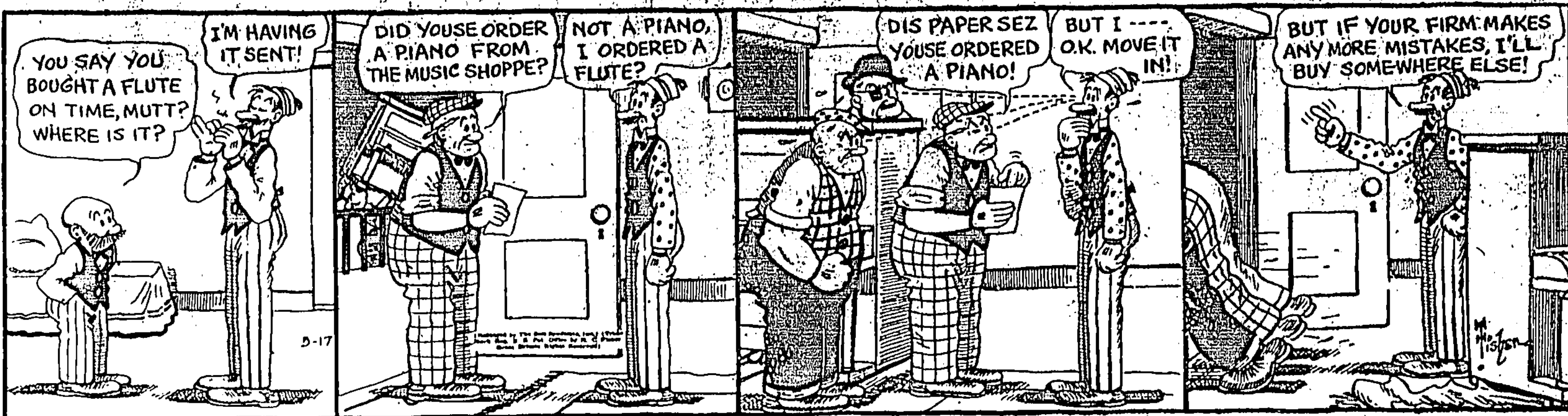
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Heavy Raids On Objectives At Palmyra And Rayak

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Pope, addressing 200 German and Italian soldiers, said prayers for peace.

His Holiness declared: "The whole church and all peoples are multiplying their prayers for a speedy termination of the calamity saddening the human family."—International News Service.

R.A.F. AND AUSTRALIAN aircraft carried out a number of attacks on aerodromes and other military objectives in Syria on Tuesday.

At Rayak, two unidentified aircraft were burned out on the ground and four Potez bombers were badly damaged.

Twenty-eight tanks and 20 large motor transport vehicles were also machine-gunned and put out of action on the roads in the same area.

R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked barracks at Palmyra aerodrome and obtained several hits on both targets.

The fort and citadel at Souleida were also hit by a number of bombs.

The aerodrome at Aleppo was also repeatedly bombed and machine-gunned. Fires were started among dispersed aircraft

at least one of which was destroyed, and a number of Bloch aircraft were badly damaged by machine-gun fire.

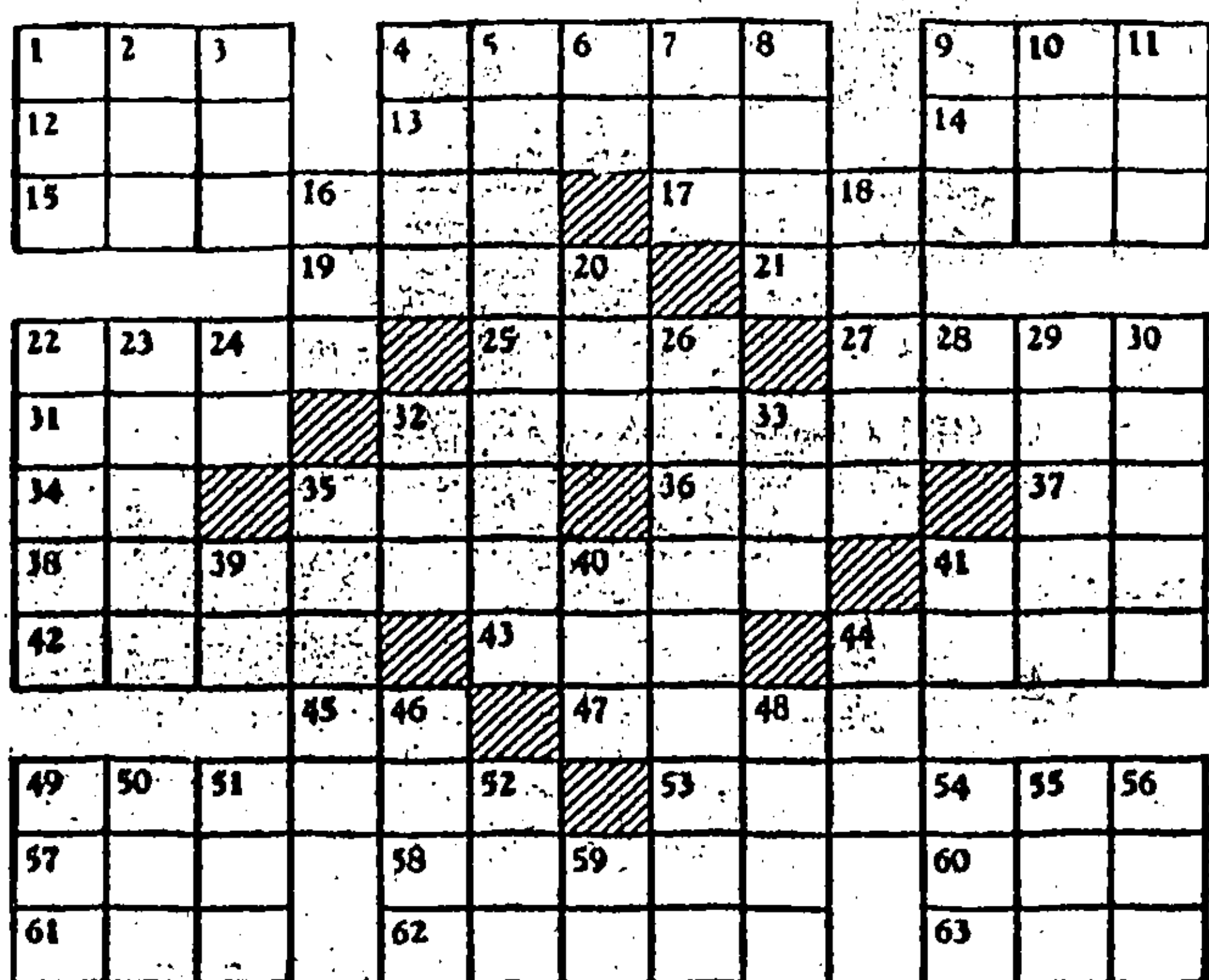
Beirut Raid

During the night of June 30/July 1, R.A.F. bombers attacked the harbour and shipping at Beirut. Hits were seen on the main docks and central quays and near ships which are believed to have been damaged.

One Messerschmidt was shot down on Tuesday, in addition to those reported in the previous communique as having been destroyed, while attempting to attack ships off the Cyrenaica coast.

From all operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Beverage
- 4 Roman magistrate
- 9 To weaken
- 12 Entirely
- 13 Periodically rising and falling
- 14 Girl's name
- 15 City in France
- 17 Firearm
- 19 Absorbed
- 21 Symbol for actinium
- 22 To box
- 23 Britin
- 27 Sacred bull
- 31 Upper limb
- 32 Warding off attack
- 34 Part of intestine
- 35 Cry of sheep
- 36 To discuss
- 37 Negative
- 38 Immoderate
- 41 March
- 42 Colours
- 43 Period of time
- 44 Unusual
- 45 Spanish article
- 47 Son of Isaac
- 49 Physician

VERTICAL

- 1 Chinese pagoda
- 53 Creeping plant
- 57 Constellation
- 58 Filter
- 60 Eggs
- 61 Wager
- 62 Domesticated fish
- 63 Married

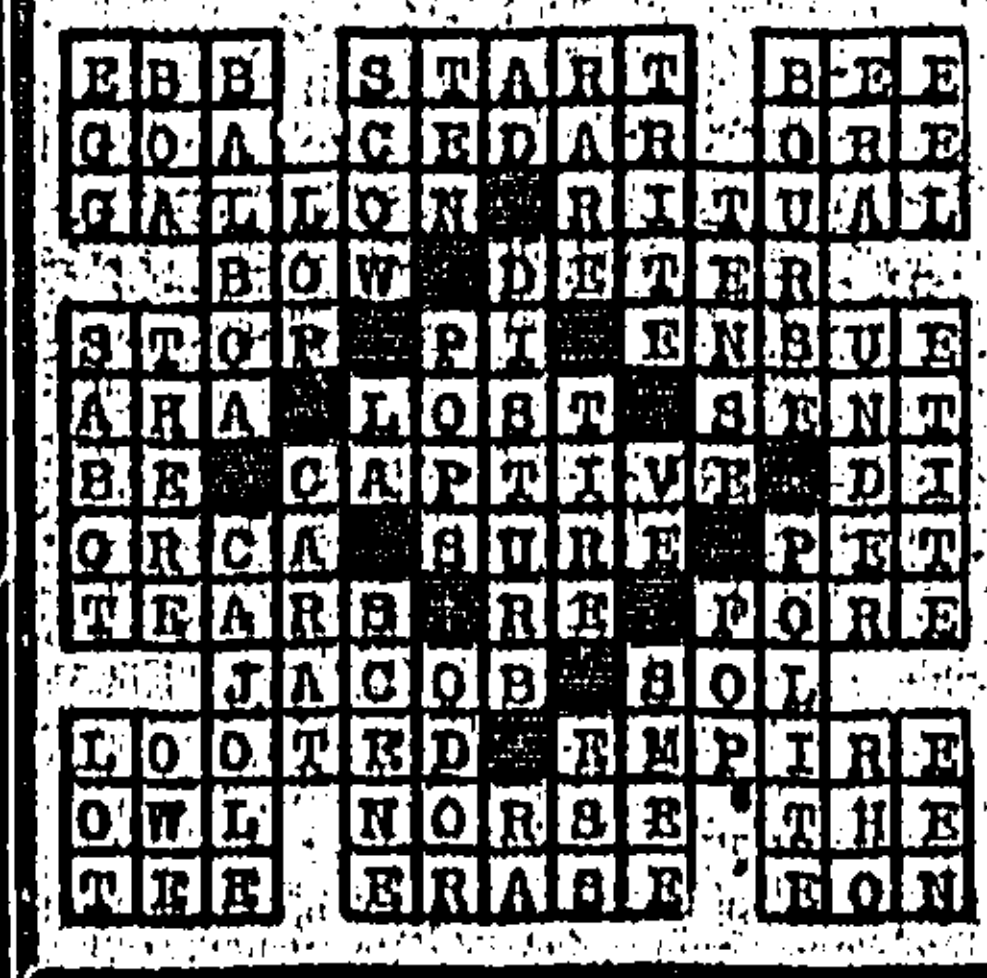
2 Shade tree

- 3 Moslem name
- 4 Sicilian volcano
- 5 To vex
- 6 European fish
- 7 To drink
- 8 Lamb's pen-name
- 9 Posed

10 Confusion

- 11 Slang friend
- 16 To blunder
- 18 To burn
- 20 To cant
- 22 Cloaked
- 23 Person acting for another
- 24 Part of "to be"
- 26 Permeating
- 28 Hebrew letter
- 29 Near to a centre
- 30 Gem
- 32 Ethiopian title
- 33 Falsehood
- 35 Harassed
- 36 Symbol for cerium
- 40 Anger
- 41 Note of scale
- 44 To regret
- 46 Wasted
- 47 Copied
- 48 Quick stroke
- 50 Crude metal
- 51 Felino
- 52 Inlet
- 54 To intim.
- 55 Hall
- 56 Recouped
- 59 Printer's measure

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Vichy Tanks Smashed

About two-thirds of the Vichy tanks which took part in an unsuccessful counter-attack at Nebek were destroyed by Allied tanks and anti-tank guns.

The position recaptured by the Allies at Palmyra lies north of the oasis.

Newly-arrived British reinforcements aided the operation. There is no sign of a Vichy attempt to relieve the enemy beleaguered in Palmyra.—Reuter.

LONDON DENIAL

It is officially denied in London that there is any truth in German-inspired reports that the British authorities have reduced Spanish petroleum imports.

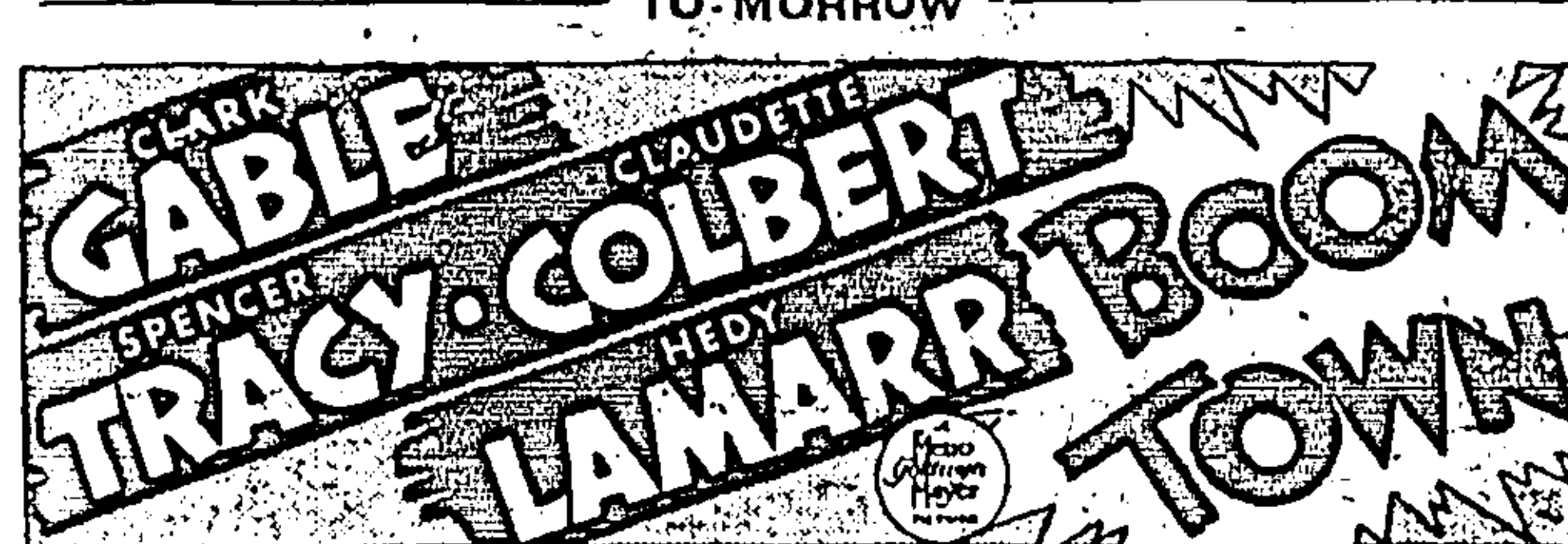
Discussions relating to imports of petroleum into Spain for the current quarter are, in fact, now proceeding.—British Wireless.

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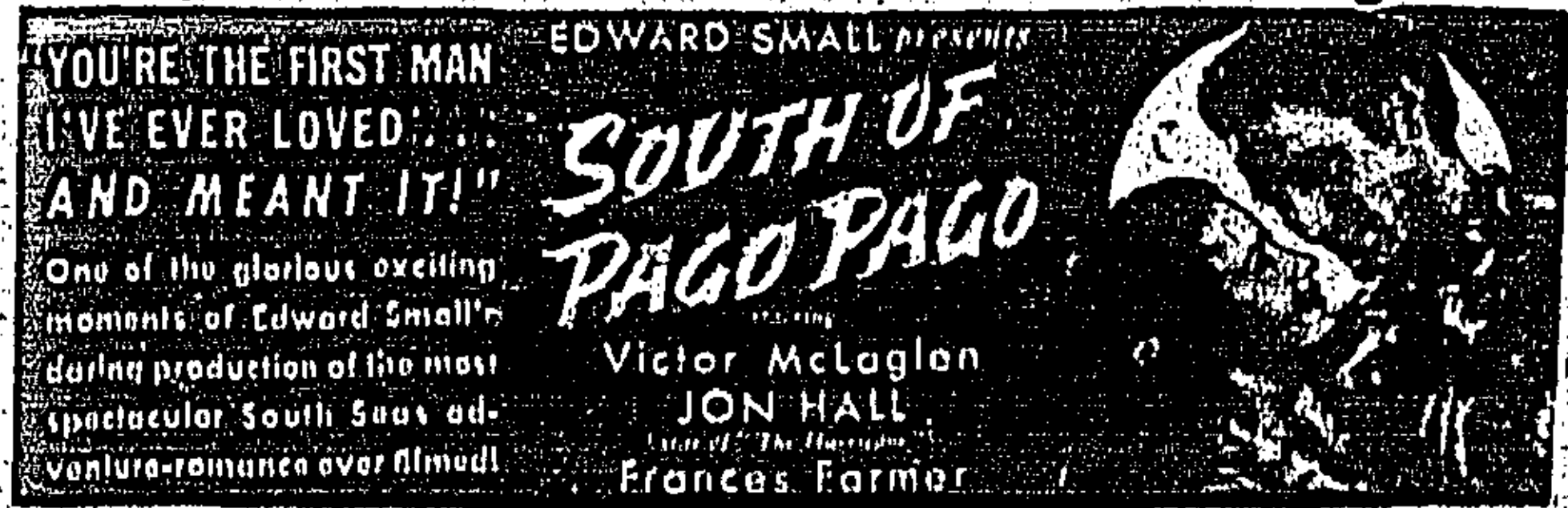


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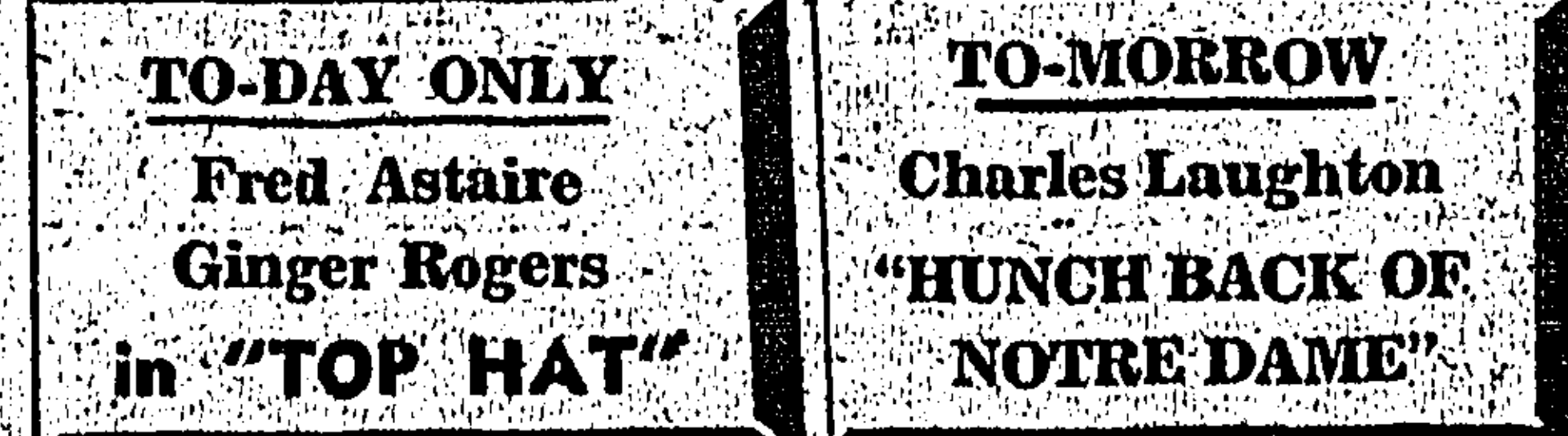
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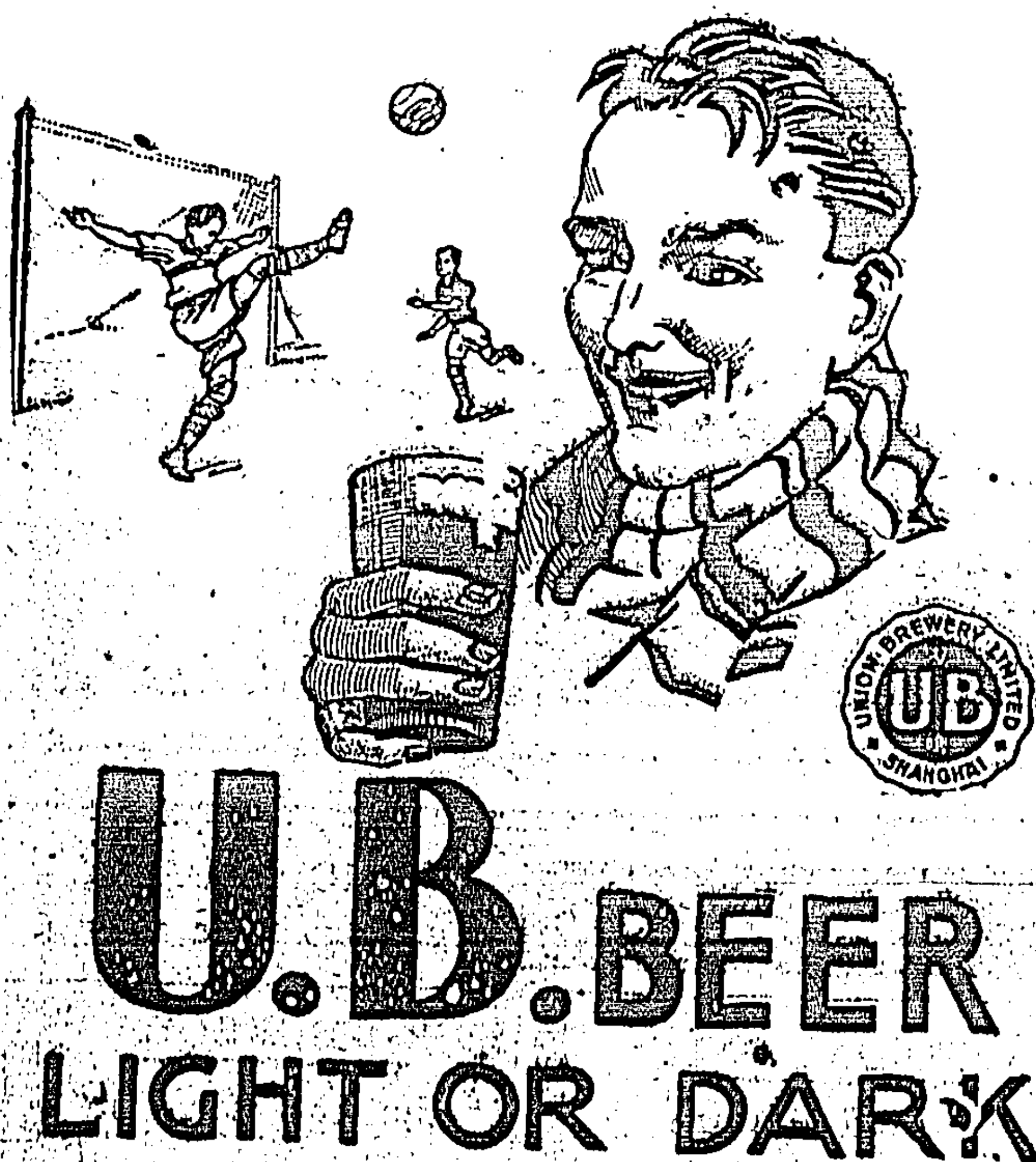
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EXTENSION OF R.A.F. DAYLIGHT RAIDS: ENERGETIC PRESSURE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

R.A.F. daylight operations over Northern France, and occasionally over Germany, are being pursued with the utmost energy. Full advantage is being taken of Germany's pre-occupation in Russia. This general assurance was given me in London yesterday.

Their tactical purpose cannot be divulged but it can be assumed they are immediately associated with the growing R.A.F. night offensive.

Two attacks appear to be designed to strike at the chief source of the Nazi war potential in western and north-western Germany and the feeders to her western armies.

Aim evidently is to reconcile the R.A.F.'s long-term policy of heavy bombing with any shorter range policy requiring extra punch dictated by the big chance given Britain by Hitler's Russian adventure.

Lack of sufficiency of long-range fighter escorts for work across the English Channel must of necessity at present restrict the depth of R.A.F. operations in force by daylight, as do the short summer nights force a shortening of the long arm of British air power by night.

New Spitfires

But some encouraging facts have emerged from the sweeps hitherto made and incidentally begun in earnest on the eve of Hitler's attack on Russia. The improved Spitfires have proved themselves superior in performance to Germany's latest Messerschmidt fighters.

The M.E. 109F was specially designed to give maximum performance at high altitudes. Range and, to some extent, armament, were sacrificed to this aim, no doubt in the hope that the tactical advantage in height would be decisive.

This has not been the case and the new M.E. has been dragged down from its new ceiling of over 36,000 feet and the Spitfires have made short work of it.

Mainly "Colts"

Germany left behind a numerically strong fighter force in north-west Europe when she moved east but there is no doubt the personnel are mainly "colts" and the crack pilots are leading the Russian campaign.

Britain's bombers have been chiefly used so far in relatively small force, with a very strong fighter escort, but sometimes on their own are acquitting themselves with "great dash and notable success" against the Nazi fighters with which they have

MARTIAL LAW IN NORWAY

A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED BY THE GERMAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF NORTHERN NORWAY AND MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN SOME DISTRICTS. ACCORDING TO S.W.E.D.I.S.H. NEWSPAPERS QUOTED BY THE NORWEGIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY.

There have also been extensive round-ups of persons suspected of sympathy with Russia and two new concentration camps have been established in isolated districts and already contain several hundred Norwegians, mostly members of the Labour movement. —Reuter.

been engaged in several stern combats.

It is revealed that Britain's heaviest and newest bombers have been used in daylight attacks on targets in north-west Germany's coastline.

Concrete Result

One concrete result of the R.A.F.'s constant hammering by night of German shipyards and U-boat manufacturing towns has been an "appreciable reduction" in the scale of the Nazi effort in the Battle of the Atlantic recently and while the world may be disappointed if it expects the R.A.F. to alter the immediate course of the land struggle being waged in eastern Europe, its work will be regarded as well repaid. —Reuter.

EIGHTEEN HUNS SHOT DOWN IN DAYLIGHT SWEEP

STRONG FIGHTER forces of the R.A.F. accompanied Blenheim bombers which yesterday afternoon attacked the enemy aerodrome at Merville, near Lille, where bombs were dropped on the runway, aerodrome buildings and among dispersed aircraft.

A railway junction south-east of Lille was also bombed.

These attacks were pressed home in spite of heavy opposition from the ground defences and a large number of enemy fighters which attempted to interfere in the operations.

THESE WERE BEATEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSSES. SO FAR 17 ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. R.A.F. BOMBERS ACCOUNTING FOR TWO OF THESE.

The American Eagle Squadron is credited with three of these enemy fighters shot down.

Two R.A.F. bombers and seven fighters are reported missing.

Latest Figures

Giving further details of the sweep, a later Air Ministry communique says 18 enemy fighters were destroyed—16 by fighters and two by bombers.

The R.A.F. lost two bombers and eight fighters.

R.A.F. fighters carried out offensive patrols over Northern France last evening without incident. —Reuter.

Terrific Battle

One of the outstanding features of the R.A.F. bombers' daylight raids, in some of which they were unescorted by fighters, has been the way in which these British machines have themselves fought Nazi fighter aircraft sent up to intercept them.

Bomber crews have acquitted themselves with great dash and a large measure of success in these encounters.

COMPULSORY A.R.P. TRAINING IN RUSSIA

Compulsory air raid precautions training for all Russian civilians from 16 to 60 has been decreed by the Council of People's Commissars according to Moscow radio quoted by Reuter.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT ALDERSHOT

During a visit to a military police training depot in the Aldershot area yesterday, the Duke of Connaught, who was 91 in May, left his car in order to be photographed with officers and men at the depot.—British Wireless.

In one action four bombers fought a terrific battle with four ME's and the fight continued until both sides ran out of ammunition. Bomber gunners reported they were certain all the ME's were damaged.

On other occasions it was confirmed, as recent communiqués show, that bombers take toll of the enemy.

One of the fighters encountered is the new ME 109F/2 which is a streamline version of the 109 specially designed to give high performance at a great altitude. Indeed the ceiling claimed is no less than 36,000 feet.

Maximum speed of this machine is about the same as that of the Spitfires to which aircraft the ME 109F/2 is said the compare unfavourably.

The Nazi machine is armed with a 13mm gun firing through the air screw shaft and two machine-guns. The gun has a higher rate of fire than the similar armament of the older 109s. —British Wireless.

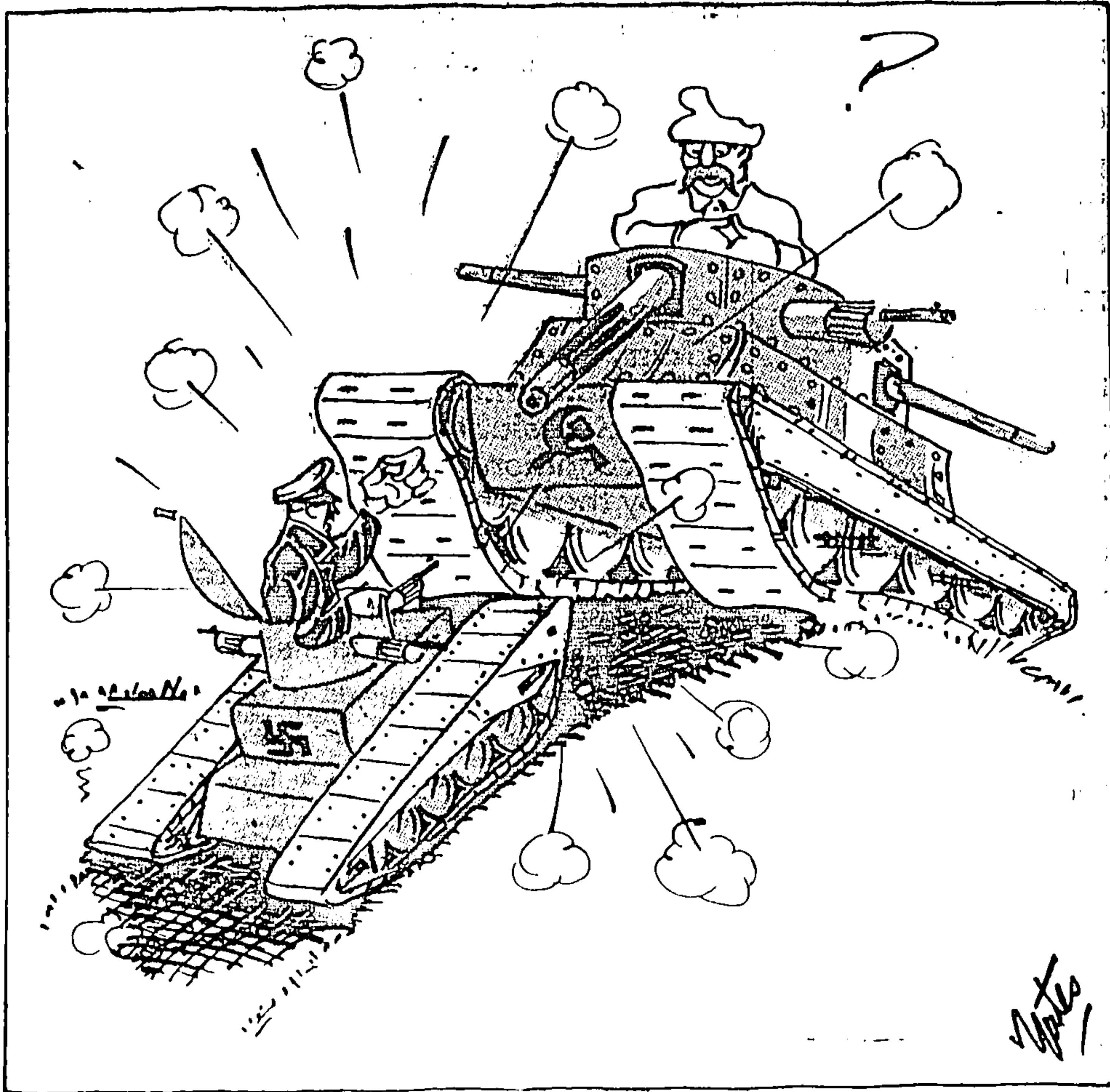
BOARDING-HOUSE ROBBERY

Chung Cheong, resident at the Chung Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, has reported the theft of property valued at \$155, from his room, between midnight and 3:30 a.m. yesterday.



GENERAL WAVELL'S MOVE

General Sir Archibald Wavell's exchange of posts with General Sir Claude Auchinleck needs to be linked closely with the fact that the Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton is also going to Cairo, as the direct representative of the War Cabinet, to take over from the new Commander-in-Chief a great mass of political, economic and administrative work which has hitherto been handled by General Wavell. The shock and the surprise need not, therefore, give rise to speculation on any supposed reasons for the replacement of General Wavell. Now that the facts are known, it would have been more surprising if the immensity of the tasks thrust upon General Wavell, the fighting of five campaigns on five different fronts, in addition to attending to the details of economic warfare, political work and propaganda, had not had their effect in heavy strain after twelve months of continuous effort. In those twelve months, General Wavell has more than justified his brilliant reputation as a strategist and a military commander of the highest skill by any and every standard. Half the work is to be taken off the shoulders of his successor in Cairo, and plainly no harm will be done in the Middle East by the arrival of a keen, energetic, master tactician, free to concentrate upon the military task. Incidentally, there is more than a hint that General Wavell's knowledge of Russia was not out of the minds of the War Cabinet when the exchange of posts was under consideration. These are days when new emergencies require forward-looking minds. It is a matter for congratulation to discover the clearest evidence that the War Cabinet has its eyes focussed not only upon the urgent demands of the immediate moment, but upon the potentialities of the future. It gives confidence too to note the cheerful acquiescence of General Wavell in a change of command, much as he would doubtless have liked the opportunity of finishing the job he has so brilliantly begun.



HIMMEL! THIS IS ILLEGAL!

Tough Nut For Himmler

Passionate Nazi-hater Jay Allen, by illegally entering Occupied France, has fallen into the hands of the Gestapo. His arrest is due, as are all his misfortunes, to impetuosity and a belief that if you are an American you can do pretty well what you like in Europe.

Jay Allen is one of the few men I know who could never hope to disguise himself and get away with it. One of his eyes is deeper set than the other, so that you think he squints and then find that he doesn't. It is disconcerting sometimes. I hope the Gestapo will find it so.

Among tyrants the name of Jay Allen stinks, particularly does it do so in the nostrils of Francisco Franco y Bahamonde, whom he interviewed at Tetuan, in Morocco, when the Spanish revolt first broke out in 1936. It put Franco's name on the map.

More injudicious than usual, Franco then calmly told Allen that, if it were necessary, he would murder half the population of Spain to gain his ends. This is dynamite, thought Allen! He didn't even stop to pack his bags before driving full tilt into French Morocco to cable the story.

Thereafter Franco's thugs put a price on Allen's head, the more eagerly as they discovered that he was then closely connected with the Republican Government, was a friend of men who afterwards became famous or infamous, whichever way you look at things: among others, Del Vayo, Caballero, both of whom, some years earlier, he'd concealed for days in his Madrid house when Primo de Rivera's police were hunting them.

Nervous to an almost unbelievable degree, Allen talks in quick, sudden jerks, as though every five words or so he suddenly sees something that makes him forget what he was going to say. Only those who know him well can effortlessly understand what he's driving at: others, impressed by his bulk, his air of knowing what's what, gladly make an effort to understand, are often well rewarded for their pains. Ahead of the Gestapo men detailed to interrogate him is no enviable job.

Grandiose are Allen's ideas, not the least of which was to attempt the creation of a vast Europe-wide democratic news service to compete with long-established, fabulously rich, semi-official agencies that already supply the world with its daily news. He might have saved his always short breath for other purposes.

Jay Allen, fearing that Nazi influence was becoming paramount in Europe, wanted to wake up his countrymen to what he then regarded as inevitable war, felt that usual news channels were not doing enough in this direction. Such men in 1937 or thereabouts were dubbed mischief-makers, and their schemes usually came to naught. Allen's scheme was among the majority. Unlike many of his slicker colleagues who are content to cash in on superficialities, Allen likes digging down to facts, likes also to go political slumming before committing himself to paper. He is a great blower-in and blower-out of rooms, meetings, parties. He never seems to be in the same place for more than four minutes at a time. But in that time he manages to pick up more facts than most of us can do at a full-dress interview.

Keystone of Nazi propaganda to the United States has been no German territorial, economic demands on that country.

Strangely then, but not unnaturally perhaps, came this song (here translated) the other day from a German radio station; sung by a choir:

"Now are we bound for England. The whole country will be destroyed by fire. Then we set out for the New World, Whence we shall fetch Rosenfeld (Roosevelt), Switzerland, the insolent porcupine. We shall seize on the way home."

Much may be forgiven the March of Time film unit for its splendid work in the past. In its first full-length film, "The Ramparts We Watch," there is much to be forgiven—from the point of view of a British audience. The less said about its dizzy lon-

gueurs, its bathetic insincerities, the better.

But you must see it, if only to have a good laugh at the Germans. Towards the end of the picture are shown extracts from the much-vaunted German film of the Polish campaign, called "Baptism of Fire."

The film, you will remember, that was to terrify everyone out of their wits. It has two highlights.

The first is Hitler doing a Sarah Bernhardt act in an arm-chair. He has just given the word "Go" to his Air Force: they are on their way to blow Polish women and children to pieces. And there he sits, sprawled out in his railway carriage, for all the world as though the fidgetty Goering beside him was a doctor who had just told him the worst. Galloping consumption, at least. He's a regular old Dame-aux-Camellias.

The second is the commentator: a German, speaking English. He has the sort of voice Pop-eye the Sailor Man would have if his voice had never broken. And he's obviously taken a degree in making people's flesh creep—but at a pretty poor university.

But "Baptism of Fire" itself isn't half as terrifying as the news-reels of the last war. They do show what war means. Which is more than Dr. Goebbels has been able to do in this film.

Incidentally, isn't it time we stopped singing "Land of Hope and Glory"? That line about the British Empire: "Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set" sounds slightly comic in the ears of those pledged to a war that, we are told, has no imperial ambitions in its make-up.

Here is the ultimate horror in "officialdom." I found it in a document at the Ministry of Information. It is passed on without comment.

"The subject," says the document apropos the awakening of Yugoslavia, "can be admirably treated propagandistically." Only the italics are my own. PHILIP JORDAN

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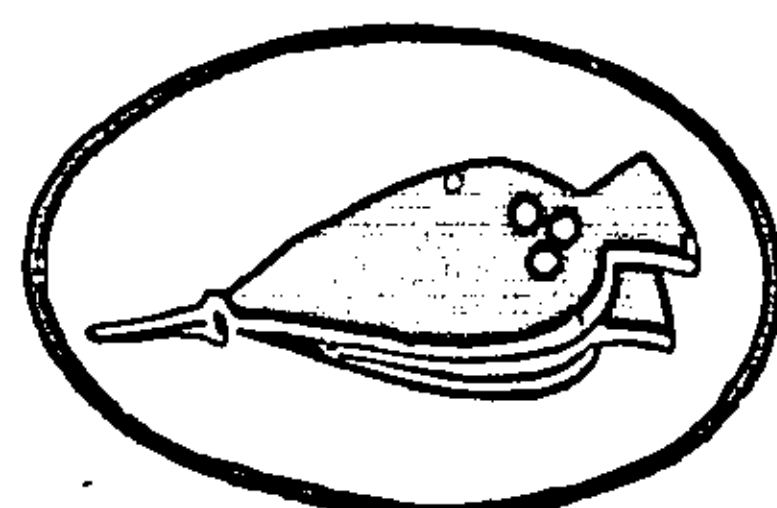
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INFORMATION REACHING
LONDON RELATING TO THE
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NAZI TROOPS IN THE CRETE
CAMPAIGN SHOW THESE
MACHINES ARE MADE OF
TUBULAR STEEL WITH WOOD-
EN WINGS.

They have a span of about 80
feet and a length of 50 feet. The
wings have flaps on the upper
surface enabling a steeper gliding
angle to be obtained.

These gliders appear usually to be
towed in pairs although as many
as six are said to have been
observed to land at about 40
m.p.h. and are capable of making
a successful landing in quite a
small space.

The complement consists of 10
to 12 men, six sub-machine guns,
one heavy machine-gun, one light
machine-gun and two portable
wireless sets.—British Wireless.

BANK OF CHINA BRANCHES CLOSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Three Bank of China branches
in Shanghai have closed down "in
pursuance of the retrenchment
policy." — International News
Service.

BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH AXIS PROCLAIMED

**DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Minister of Foreign
Affairs, issued the following statement last
night, announcing China's severance of
diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy.**

Recognition of the puppet regime in Nan-
king by the German and Italian Governments
amounts to an extension of their aggressive
policy to the Far East and proves beyond
doubt that these countries have unreservedly
cast their lot with China's enemy.

"Knowing as they do that the
Nanking puppet regime is but a
creature of the Japanese militar-
ists, the Nazi Government of Ger-
many and the Fascist Government
of Italy in according recognition
thereto have committed a gross
injustice to China and have there-
by forfeited any claim to friend-
ship of the Chinese Government
and people.

"The step thus taken by these
Axis Powers has made it abun-
dantly clear that the forces of ag-
gression have been further con-
solidated into one bloc bent on the
destruction of human freedom
and civilisation.

China Proud

"It is, however, gratifying to
note that these evil forces are be-
ing heroically and resolutely op-
posed and resisted by a group of
Powers which, having steadily in-
creased in number and in strength
are drawn even closer by their
love of peace and freedom in the
face of a common menace.

"China is proud of her record
and role in this anti-aggression
crusade. Despite unprecedented
difficulties, China has consis-
tently observed good faith in all
her international dealings. China
is determined to continue the
struggle in close cooperation
with her friends till our com-
mon cause is vindicated.

"In pursuance of the official de-
claration repeatedly made on pre-
vious occasions the Chinese Gov-
ernment now declares that China's
diplomatic relations with Ger-
many and Italy are hereby severed."
—Central News.

To Indo-China Border

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
has informed the two Embassies
that the Chinese Government will
give them every facility for their
withdrawal. The Chinese Gov-
ernment will escort them as far
as the Kwangsi-French Indo-
China border.

Chungking Garrison Headquar-
ters and the Chungking Municipal
Government have been asked to
give German and Italian re-

sidents protection prior to their
withdrawal. Local authorities un-
der whose jurisdiction German
and Italian residents may be
found have been requested to
give them protection while they
are there.

Regarding the German news
agencies in Chungking, namely,
D.N.B. and Transocean, the
spokesman said the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs would take the
necessary steps. "We have no
agencies in Germany or Italy, so
the question does not exist for
us," the official spokesman added.
—Central News.

SOVIET AND TOKYO POLICY

Answering questions in
Moscow yesterday, M.
Lozovsky, Vice-Chief of
the Soviet Information
Bureau, said it was too
early to comment on the
declaration of Japanese
policy.

He added: "The position re-
mains the same as when Mr.
Matsuoka was here and there is
no ground for change."

Answering a whole series of
assertions made over the German
radio and in the German press,
such as that the Government had
left for the Ural Mountains, that
the Germans were on Moscow's
doorstep and that the Moscow
population had greeted with joy
their German liberators, he
pointed out that the Pope in his
broadcast last Sunday did not
defend Germany and Italy for
their aggression against the
Soviet Union.

He added the Pope merely said
that peoples were being led to-
wards misery and poverty and
did not declare a holy crusade
against the Soviet Union.—Reu-
ter.

ANGLO- SOVIET TALKS

Further conversations
of a practical nature took
place in Moscow yester-
day between members of
the British mission and
their opposition numbers.

It is learned that progress is be-
ing made.

Last evening the first British-
organised social gathering since
the arrival of the mission took
place at the British Embassy.

It was a cocktail party given by
the Ambassador, Sir Stafford
Cripps, and was attended by M.
Vishinsky, Vice-Commissar for
Foreign Affairs, M. Sobolev,
Secretary to the Foreign
Commissariat and representa-
tive of the Foreign Trade
Commissariat, Lt.-Gen. Golikov,
Major-Gen. Savinov and
General Petrov, of the Soviet air
force, Capt. Zaitsev, of the Soviet
naval liaison staff and other liai-
son officers.

Many diplomats were present
including the American, Turkish,
Iranian and Chinese Ambassadors
and the Swedish Minister.—Reu-
ter.

SOAP AND RECOVERY

U.S. Government
statisticians have
found that when busi-
ness is good, more
soap is used.

Bombs on Prisoner Camp

It was authoritatively
stated in Jerusalem yes-
terday that enemy air-
craft raided a war pri-
soners camp somewhere
in Palestine on Tuesday
night, dropping bombs on
German and Italian pri-
soners quartered there.

Twelve prisoners were injured
in the German officers' section,
some seriously, and the section
containing Italian other ranks was
also hit, but no casualties are as
yet reported.

The camp was brilliantly flood-
lit and its location had been noti-
fied to the Spanish consular
authority in charge of German and
Italian interests.—Reuter.

CHINA'S NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

Dr. Wellington Koo,
China's new Ambassador
to Great Britain, arrived
in London last night to
take up his duties.

He had travelled by air
from Liebon where, since leav-
ing Vichy, he had been wait-
ing several weeks to receive
the credentials of the two secre-
taries he takes with him.

He was met at the airport by
Dr. W. H. Chen, Councillor of
the Embassy, who has been
charge d'affaires since Mr. Quo
Tai-chi left to take up the post
of Foreign Minister.

Dr. Koo was greeted at the
station by Sir John Monck,
Vice-Marshal of the Diplo-
matic Corps, who represented Mr.
Anthony Eden.

Dr. Koo declined to discuss the
Russo-German war on the ground
he had not had sufficient time
to consider a reasoned statement.
"But," he said, "I hope to do
this in a day or two when I
have had time to settle down."
—Reuter.

H.K. BUILT BRIG ADrift FOR OVER A WEEK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**THE HONG KONG-BUILT 55-ton brigan-
tine "Our Lady of Peace" was drifting help-
lessly for over a week on the high seas before
she was assisted by the typhoon gale and
sailed into the Macao Harbour on Monday,
it was learned yesterday.**

The master, Colonel Juan L. Calvo, and
mate, Mr. Rafael d'Almeida, and a crew of
three, were worn out and suffering slightly
from exposure when they arrived in Macao.

The brigantine left Hong Kong
on June 18 for Manila, but owing
to a leak, it was decided to put
into Macao for repairs.

Two days later, Colonel Calvo
took the boat out for a trial, but
was stranded 10 or more miles out
at sea when the diesel engine
broke down. The sails could not be
put into use owing to lack of wind
and the brigantine drifted help-
lessly for over a week, until the
fresh water had to be rationed.
Then the typhoon gales began
to blow and the vessel was sail-
ed to the Portuguese Colony.
Repairs are now being carried
out and it is expected that the
brigantine will be able to resume
its interrupted voyage to Manila
in the next 10 days.—Our Own
Correspondent.

RUSSIAN ARMY HOLDING FIRM

In North And East Of Minsk

Germans Still Making Big Claims

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A DETERMINED GERMAN-FINNISH DRIVE IS BEING PUSHED DOWN THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS 75 MILES FROM LENINGRAD BUT THE RED ARMIES ARE HOLDING FIRM BEFORE MURMANSK, IN THE ARCTIC, KEXHOLM, ON THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, AND EAST OF MINSK.

A communique issued from Stalin's headquarters finally confirms the evacuation of Lwow.

It says: "In the direction of Murmansk our troops by fierce fighting are stemming the advance of numerically superior enemy forces.

"In the direction of Kexholm, east of Bialystok, where large Soviet forces are stated to have been surrounded, the announcement states: "It is becoming more and more clear that the battle of annihilation east of Bialystok has resulted in a decision of the greatest importance for world history."

"Our troops are retreating according to plan and, in accordance with orders, have left Lwow.

"Fifty-six German planes were shot down against 17 of ours. In one battle alone the Germans lost 50 tanks.

"All attempts by Rumanian and German troops to penetrate Besarabian territory were broken up."

Russians Close Gaps

Stressing the violence of the fighting on the Russian front, the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper, "Nationale Zeitung," says that the Russians at many points are fiercely engaging and causing heavy losses to the German forces advancing to support the motorised troops which have pierced the Russian lines in the Minsk sector.

FOREIGN MILITARY CIRCLES IN BERLIN HE STATES, ARE WONDERING WHETHER SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS HAVE NOT DISCOVERED A NEW TACTICAL METHOD OF DEALING WITH THE GERMAN ADVANCE.

Berlin Claims

In Berlin, it was stated that simultaneously with the capture of Riga (Latvia) and Luck (Poland), other great blitz columns are ripping the Red lines before Smolensk and Kiev.

And her offensive, it is claimed, carried the Germans east of the River Dvina.

A special Nazi communique, claiming the destruction of 322 Red warplanes in one day, says the Luftwaffe destroyed the Red lines of retreat, smashing troop and rail columns.

The Nazi entry into Riga followed two days of heavy fighting.

Nazi Optimism

Far behind the lines in three gigantic pockets, forming a three-link chain from Riga to Lwow, the Germans claim a million Red troops are trapped, with Nazi annihilation units closing in.

Riga Dramatisation

The German capture of Riga was announced dramatically over Riga radio by a German officer who leaped to the microphone and shouted "Riga has been liberated." Meanwhile heavy fighting is reported in Stockholm all along the Finn, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian frontiers. — International News Service.

TYPICAL NAZI MODESTY!

The German High Command last night issued an announcement dated from Hitler's headquarters claiming a "decision of great importance" in the battle

east of Bialystok, where large Soviet forces are stated to have been surrounded.

The announcement states: "It is becoming more and more clear that the battle of annihilation east of Bialystok has resulted in a decision of the greatest importance for world history."

"Indescribable" chaos has overtaken the Soviet army, it alleges.

The announcement then lists alleged Soviet losses there and in other sectors of the front from June 22 to July 1 as 5,774 armoured cars, 2,330 guns and A.A. guns, four armoured trains, an "innumerable" quantity of machine-guns and rifles, 4,725 planes and 160,000 prisoners.

"With the stubborn resistance put up by the Soviet forces and their determined efforts to break through, the number killed will be many times higher than the prisoners," concludes the announcement, adding: "Our own losses on the whole remain fortunately small." — Reuter.

Russian Warning

Moscow radio last evening gave an urgent warning to the Soviet people against the spreading of rumours likely to undermine the nation's morale.

THE ANNOUNCER RECALLED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FALL OF PARIS AND SAID: "FANTASTIC RUMOURS OF IMAGINARY GERMAN VICTORIES WERE SPREAD AND DECISIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FRENCH COLLAPSE." — REUTER.

Britain And Sweden

The Foreign Secretary, replying to various questions in the Commons yesterday, concerning the neutrality of Sweden and diplomatic relations between the Swedish and British Governments, said the Swedish Government had informed H.M.G. while reaffirming the intention to remain neutral, they are, at the request of the German and Finnish Governments, permitting one German division to pass from Norway through Sweden to Finland.

Representations, he said, had been made by him to the Swedish Minister and also H.M. Minister in Stockholm.

"I have at present no further statement to make on this subject," Mr. Eden added.

Diplomatic relations with Sweden remain normal. — British Wireless.

WARDROBE GIVEN WOMEN PRISONERS

Women released from California's prison for women can face the world with considerable sartorial assurance.

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RUSSIAN TACTICS STUDIED

Study of the latest Russian and German communiqués in conjunction with map underlines the campaign's most interesting feature — the extraordinary depth over which fighting is going on.

From the fact that over a depth 180 to 200 miles many bodies of troops, some of them large, are in conflict, qualified military observers in London reach a consequently interesting problem—how far can the German mechanised forces continue to advance with large enemy bodies astride the lines of communication, netting the dropping back of considerable forces to maintain these lines and contain enemy bodies of advance?

It is seen as a possibility that the process may continue till the German forces at the head of an advance find supplies not coming through.

While the same consideration applies in some degrees to the Russian forward bodies it is felt that the Russians will have organised a static system of supply bases. — British Wireless.

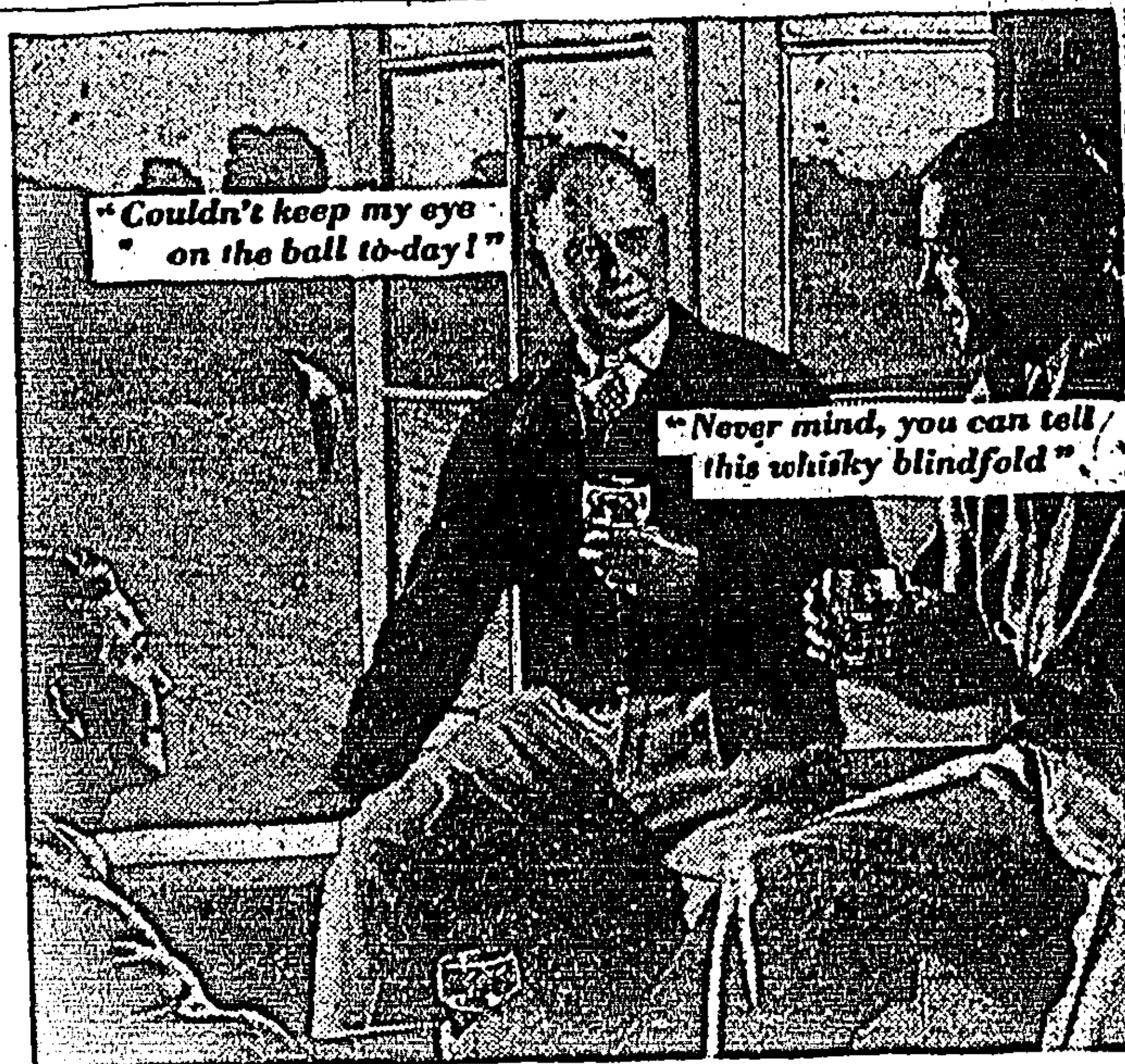
MEMORIAL TO U.S. PILOT

The Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, will unveil a commemorative tablet to the late Pilot Officer W. M. L. Fiske in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral on American Independence Day.

Mr. Winant, American Ambassador, and leading members of the American colony, will be present.

The Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, also hopes to be present.

Fiske was the first American-born pilot of the R.A.F. to give his life in the services of Britain. He was killed in action in August, 1940, during the battle of Britain. — British Wireless.

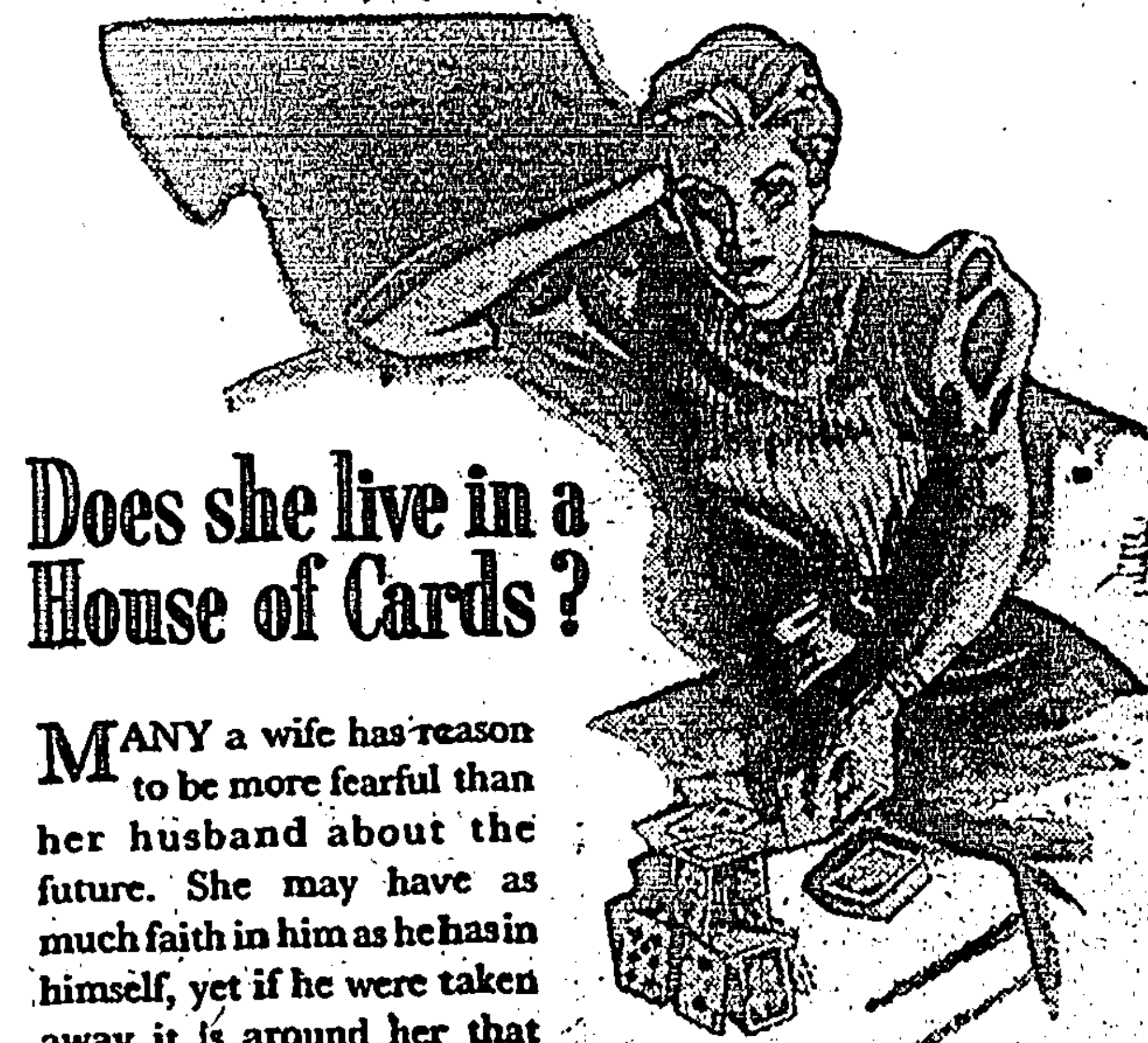


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BRIDGE NOTES

THE RIGHT CARD

By The Four Aces

It isn't always enough for the defence to switch to the right suit; sometimes it is also necessary that they lead precisely the right card of the right suit. For example:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A 10 5
♥ A K J 10 6
♦ 9 8
♣ 10 6 2

WEST

♠ 4 3
♥ 5 4 2
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ A 7 4 3

EAST

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ K J 9

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 9 8
♥ Q 9
♦ K 5 2
♣ K 8 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the Queen of diamonds, and East won the trick with his Ace. East saw in a flash that a shift to clubs was vital, but it may prove interesting if we show how he arrived at this decision.

West's lead of the Queen of diamonds denied possession of the diamond King, for if West had held both King and Queen he would have led the King. Hence South had the diamond King, and dummy's doubleton made it plain that the defence could win no further diamond tricks. The chance of winning a trump trick was very small in view of South's jump rebid and North's strong trump holding. The heart suit was obviously solid; since even if South lacked the Queen, the finesse would succeed. Hence the only suit in which the defence could win the three needed tricks was clubs.

But East had three cards in the club suit, and only one of them would produce three tricks. Obviously, any lead would succeed if West held both the Ace and Queen; and no lead would succeed if South held the Ace. But care was needed if South held the Queen and West the Ace.

The proper lead, as East soon saw, was the Jack. Then if South played the Queen, West would take the Ace and the King-nine would win the next two tricks. But if East led the nine of clubs, South would play low and dummy's ten would compel West to play the Ace. Then the Queen would win the third round of the suit.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 10 3 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ Q 10 2
♣ J 4

The bidding:
Schenker You Jacoby Maier
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ Pass 3♦
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your pass on the second round doesn't commit you to weak action for the rest of the auction. Partner's bidding indicates a good hand with reasonable game prospects—and it pays to bid for game rather than try only for a part-score on hands of this type. Score 100% for four spades, 20% for pass.

Question No. 758

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

Schenker You Jacoby Maier
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ Pass 3♦
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BIRTH-PANGS OF NEW ORDER OF THINGS

SPEAKING IN London yesterday, General Sikorski said: "The struggles of nations, races and systems are but the birth pangs of a new order of things based upon the highest universal human values which for better or worse will determine the future of the world."

He emphasised that the Polish nation deliberately chose to take up arms against those who refused to acknowledge those values.

The Polish nation, which had endured nearly two years of struggle, was "determined to stand fast in the trench of freedom and democracy till final victory is achieved."

Referring to Russia's entry into the war against Nazism, Sikorski said: "During the last ten days or so Russia has entered the ranks of Germany's adversaries."

"This in itself is a significant and favourable event whatever might be said of the wrongs which the Soviet Government had previously done to the camp of freedom and democracy when she seemed not to know which was the proper path for her to take. That path was determined by the principal aggressor—Nazi Germany."

"Now that the Soviet Union stands on the side of the nations opposed to methods of aggression and of treating international obligations as scraps of paper, we Poles are entitled to expect that the Russians will not be tardy in restoring Russian-Polish relations to the legal positions based upon mutual obligations undertaken during the years 1921, 1932 and 1935 by means of treaties freely concluded and subsequently violated by the Soviet Union."—British Wireless.

GILBERT MURRAY'S MESSAGE

Professor Gilbert Murray, eminent British leader of thought, sent the following message from London yesterday to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek:

"At the opening of the fifth year of China's long martyrdom, I send a word of homage and admiration to the heroic leaders of a heroic people. Your cause is our cause; your hopes are our hopes. It is an inspiration to the free nations in Europe to remember that China loves peace as we do, that she has suffered worse things than we, and that her faith has never failed."—Central News.

JOE LOUIS SUED FOR DIVORCE

JOE LOUIS, WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION, IS BEING SUED FOR DIVORCE BY HIS WIFE—MARIA TROTTER LOUIS—ON THE GROUND OF CRUELTY.

Mrs. Louis alleges the "Brown Bomber" struck her first on January 2 this year and again on April 10, on which date she separated from him.

The couple were married in September, 1935.—Reuter.

THE INCIDENCE OF CHOLERA

A sharp increase in intestinal diseases is revealed by figures of notifications to the Medical Department. In the 48 hours ended yesterday midnight, there were 15 cases of cholera, seven from Kowloon and six from rural Hong Kong, eight of dysentery (six from Kowloon) and eight of typhoid (four from Victoria, four from Kowloon).

In the 24 hours ended at midnight, there were eleven further cholera cases (four from rural Hong Kong and three from the harbour), six more of dysentery and two more of typhoid.

BRITAIN'S NEW BOMBS AMAZING

When you read that Britain's new "beautiful" bombs "sent whole buildings into the air," you are reading nothing but the truth.

A heavy bomber pilot, who has dropped them and seen the result, gave his word for it.

When he dropped the first one he was "so amazed I circled round to watch, got caught in searchlights, and was nearly shot down."

He was Flight-Lieut. Harvey, speaking at the opening of Eastbourne War Weapons Week, where he represented the R.A.F.

THEFT FROM VILLAGE SHOP

Charged with breaking into a hut in Kau Shat Fong Village, Kowloon City, and stealing three ducks and a goose yesterday morning, Sit Ha, 28, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning.

Accused was seen with the ducks and goose in a sack in Po Kong Village at 3 a.m. yesterday and was unable to account satisfactorily for his possession of them.

BUS MEN WORKED AS BOMBS FELL

Four bombs fell in a road in North London recently, blew down several "bays" of trolley-bus wires, and littered the road with debris.

By midnight a London Transport gang was there.

Although bombs were still falling, linesmen replaced the wires while others cleared the debris. At 5 a.m. (normal time) the first bus ran through.

GERMAN WEATHER TRAWLER TRAPPED

A German weather-reporting trawler has been sunk and the crew of 22 captured, states an Admiralty communiqué.

The trawler was intercepted by British forces during a periodical sweep to the northward of Iceland.—Reuter.

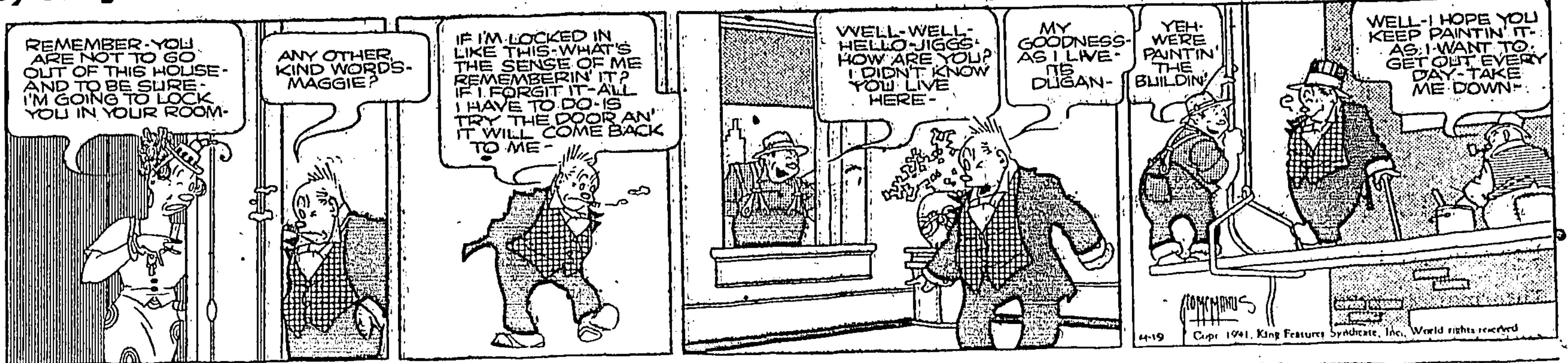
RUSSIAN FINED

A Russian horse trainer, N. Koostretsoff, 25, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for being drunk and disorderly outside the Hong Kong Jockey Club stables, Shan Kwong Road, yesterday.

Accused was arrested by Sgt. Evans who was on duty in the vicinity.

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Men Like This Kind Of Picnic

By Gwendolin Keene

Have you ever noticed that pictures of the typical American picnic almost invariably show several ladies and just about one man — and a restless-looking one at that? If your men friends or relatives are picnic-shy, they can be cured by being invited to a strictly masculine-style affair. And if they're allowed to take hold and run the picnic, once they have arrived, their conversion is assured.

"Kenneth's own" is a picnic formula evolved by a young bachelor friend to the delight of his friends of both sexes and all ages. It's good for day or evening. And with slight changes it could be adapted to take in any youngsters the "young marrieds" might bring along. It takes a good two hours and a half to accomplish; and the host is on the job every minute. But the result is more than worth it.

The group generally numbers eight, and provisions are described as follows:

1 quart bottle tomato cocktail (better than plain tomato juice).

1 box small salty crackers, any kind.

Enough anchovy paste, peppery cheese or other spread to take care of the crackers.

Steaks, one apiece—"squares, circles or what have you; no bones of course. Stand over the butcher and make him cut them specially for you, and have them at least an inch thick. Get whatever grade you can afford, and personally I allow three-quarters of a pound a person and it's never thrown away."

2 potatoes apiece, one white and one sweet if you like.

Salad—about 2 heads of lettuce, 4 or 8 tomatoes, couple of cucumbers, 1 pepper.

1 roll apiece, any kind.

1 pound butter.

18 medium-sized onions.

8 cups cocoa ready to reheat.

1 box sugar.

2 boxes marshmallows.

1 bottle prepared French dressing.

Pick your site with "seclusion to suit," preferably with water and firewood available—though if you choose the beach you may have to bring your own. Immediately on arrival start a fire, using small sticks for quick embers. When you get them, rake them off, insert potatoes in ashes, rake embers back on top of them, and relax. While the potatoes bake (it takes about an hour and a half) get the girls started on preparing the salad and buttering the rolls. Set out your dishes and enjoy another breathing spell.

Start the onions frying in butter; use a cover on the pan for faster cooking and add more butter from time to time as needed. As the onion-fragrance is wafted down the breeze you'll find your friends returning without delay to the scene of operations. Get the girls to spread the crackers and open the tomato cocktail. Hand them around to the hungry throng and began to reheat the cocoa.

When the onions are practically done, cook the steaks, broiling them for ten minutes in long-handled broilers of the toaster variety. Hold them almost directly on top of the glowing embers.

Excavate the potatoes, award the steaks, and smother the whole in onions. As the assemblage gradually regains the power of speech, distribute the rolls, cocoa as requested and salad. Prepare for a chorus of heartfelt compliments.

From now on, the moon may rise and wane; stars may wheel in the heavens—the success of the party is assured.

This bachelor declares that you don't really need dessert at this picnic. But the marshmallows, he says, have a way of disappearing. Song and story will come in due season. Dishes can simmer in a pan or be forgotten. Here's to masculine picnics—long may they flourish!

REACH THOSE WHO

CAN AFFORD TO BUY

THROUGH

The China Mail

THE PAPER THAT GETS

INTO THE HOME

"Earliest with the Latest"

Australia's Canteen Cooks

By Olwen Francis

The other morning, before the early office rush, I met my very attractive young neighbour staggering down our shady suburban street in Sydney. With her husband in Palestine, and her two boys both ardent navy leaguers, she has thrown herself with all her lovely fervour into women's war work. "Night session at All Services Canteen," she answered my uplifted eyebrows, "and last-minute breakfast rush for the Air Force on leave."

I felt partly responsible, but quite happily so, for the scheme in which my young neighbour is now participating was started by

myself and the Australian President of the National Council of Women just two years ago, the idea having struck us both in the Sydney Lyceum Club elevator. We had just left a meeting of the newly formed Australian Women's Voluntary Services. We decided it would be a good idea to work out a plan immediately for training women volunteers in large-scale, emergency cookery.

Within a month my organisation (the Australian Gas Light Company) was lecturing to eight enrolled groups in our cookery theatres. Each group included 100 members. The scheme has since grown to such an extent that not only the Women's War organisations, but also other bodies have chosen groups of their members to qualify as Canteen Cooks.

This training consists of ten two-hour cookery demonstrations, at the end of which a theory examination is held. From those who qualify in this examination are chosen groups of 12 students to take a practical cookery course of eight three-hour periods. The lectures in this course are based on a three-fold plan and deal with Kitchen Organisation, Food Requirements, and the Basic Principles of Cookery.

Immediately after the declaration of War many of these trainees in Sydney and in other capital cities—they now number several thousand who have qualified by examination—had the opportunity for practical experience in large-scale catering. In Sydney, the Church Hut for men of the Army, Navy and Air Force on leave was built in the grounds of St. Andrew's Cathedral. The Anzac Buffet was opened in Hyde Park almost in the shadow of Australia's great War Memorial. The Women's All Services Canteen is open all night and day at the Central Railway Station. These and other centres are all staffed with voluntary cooks and waitresses, and meals are served daily.



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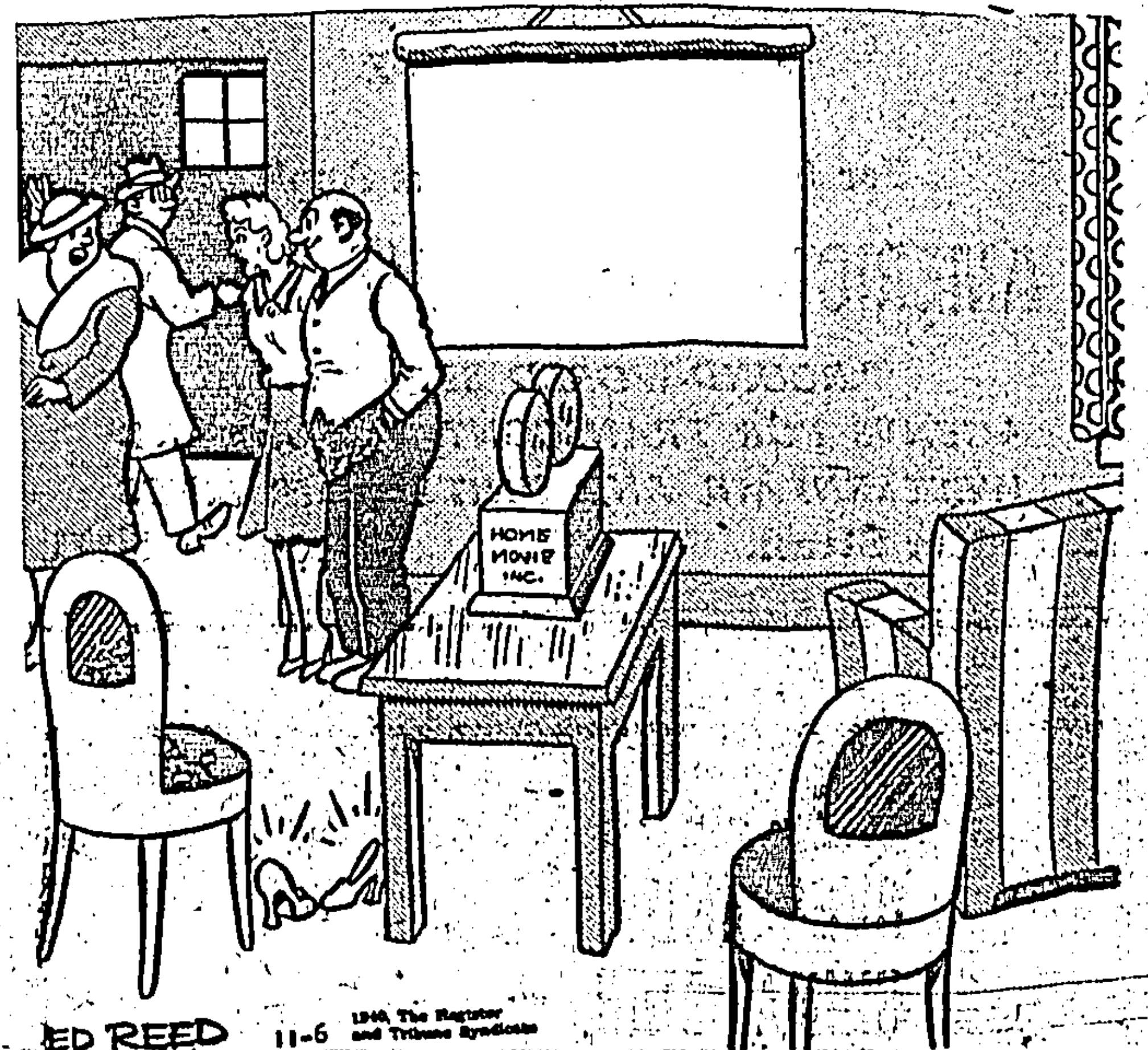
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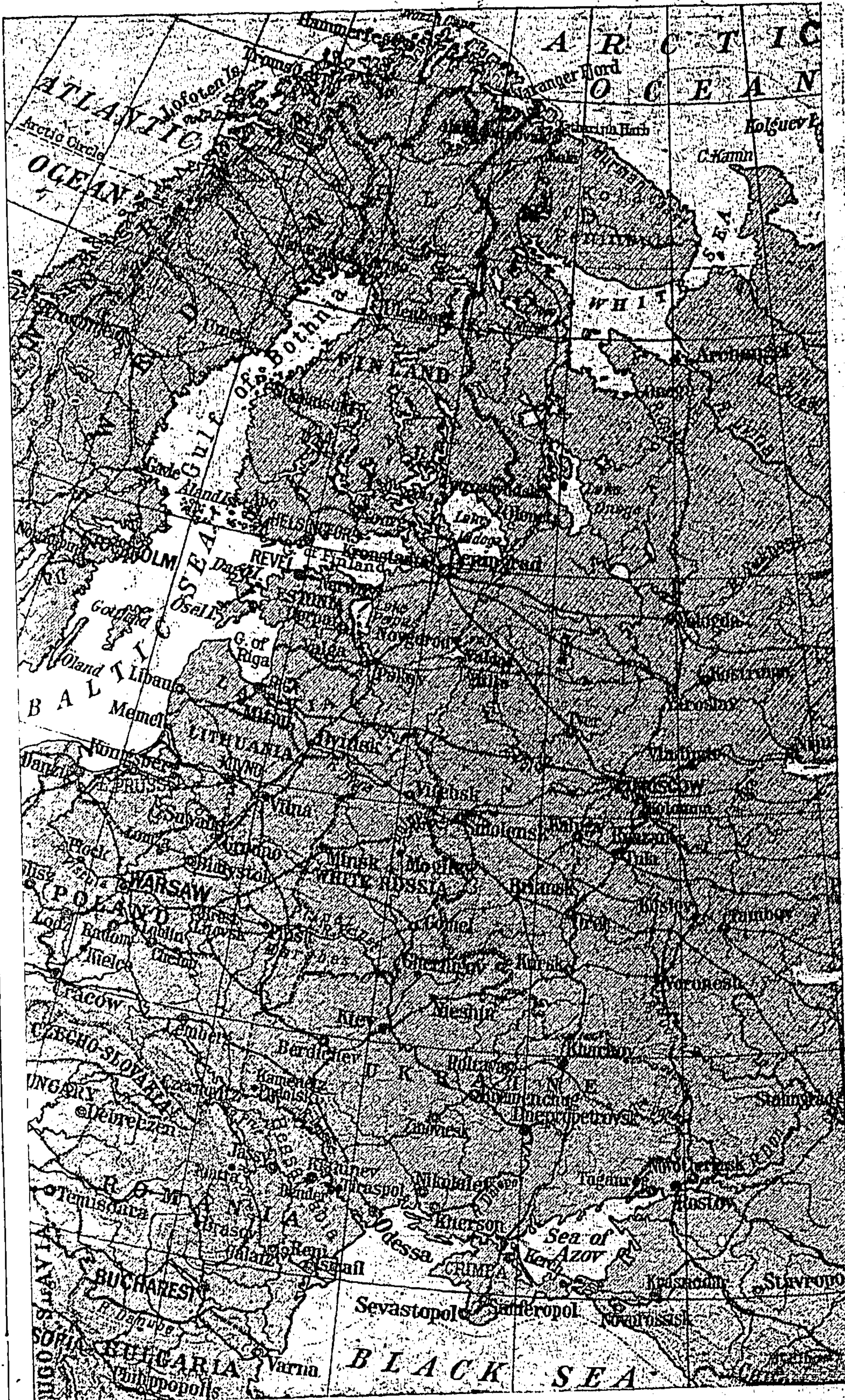
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G.M. AWARDS TO SOLDIERS

Two members of a searchlight detachment, L/Sgt. E. A. Provins, and Gunner D. J. E. Roberts, both R.A., have been awarded the George Medal.

While in charge of a searchlight site on December 22, Sgt. Provins tried to assist the pilot of a Wellington bomber to land safely by swinging a beam towards trees and also on the ground to indicate its hilly nature.

The plane crashed, however, and though it was burning furiously and bullets were flying in all directions, Sgt. Provins directed rescue operations with coolness and efficiency.

Gunner Roberts, a member of the rescue party, dragged out a member of the crew who was covered in oil with his boots, trousers and hair burning.

For conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner, the George Medal is also awarded to War Subs. Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. M. Hewitt, R.E. (temp. Capt.) W. M. Hewitt, R.E. Capt. D. A. S. Johnston, late the Durham Light Infantry (re-employed), and W.O. 1 (R.S.M.) A. Harrison, Corps of

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur and His Band.
Fox-Trots—Little Drummer Boy; Once in a While.Rumba—Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga.
Fox-Trots—All Over The Place; Poor Little Angelina; Saddle Your Blues to a Wild Mustang.Slow Fox-Trot—Imagination.
Quickstep—I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire (from 'If I Had My Way').

Fox-Trots—Teats from My Inkwell; You Grow Sweeter as the Years Go By.

7.20 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Duets—Have You Seen My Chickens? (The Chicken Duet—Longstaffe); Oh Sarah! Oh Eneryl (Longstaffe); Tommy Handley and Jean Allistone with Orchestra.
Piano—Happy As The Day Is Long (Longstaffe); Rainsin The Rent (both from 'The Cotton Club Review')... Ramona and Roy Barge.
Humorous Monologue—The Scoutmaster (Tilley)... John Tilley.
Organ—Torch Parade No. 2—Intro: The Woodpecker Song; Too romantic: A nightingale sang in Berkeley Square; Arm-in-arm: If I should fall in love again; You gorgeous dancing doll... Sidney Torch.

Military Police

Reginald English, ship's apprentice, who saved a man whose legs had been broken from being washed overboard while in a small boat, has been awarded the bronze medal for gallantry in saving life at sea.

Novelty—Jack Hylton Throws A Party—Guests: Tommy Handley, Jack Barty, Nelson Keys, Hilda Mundy & Billy Caryll, Freddie Fox, The Swingettes, Peggy Bell, Tom Webster and Jack Hylton's Boys. Trio & Vocal—Yodel In Swing (Raye-Prince)... Sid Phillips Trio with the Greene Sisters.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Piano Recital by Egon Petri. Sonata in F Sharp Major (Beethoven, Op. 78)—1st Mov: Adagio cantabile; Allegro ma non troppo. 2nd Mov: Allegro vivace.

Indianisches Tagebuch (Busoni).
8.51 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Bolero—Les Filles De Cadix (Dolbes). Chanson, Indoue (Sadko—Rimsky-Korsakov).

The Gypsy and the Bird (Benedict).
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Orchestra! Selections.
Medea—Overture (Cherubini)... Milan Symphony Orchestra.

The Love of the Three Oranges—March and Scherzo (Prokofiev, Op. 33a)... Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.30 p.m.—Tartini—Sonata for Violin and Piano (Devil's Trill). Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accompaniment by Arthur Balsam.

9.48-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Bach—Concerto in A Major. 1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegro ma con tanto... Edwin Fischer (Piano) and His Chamber Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Op. 55 "Eroica". 1st Mov: Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov: Adagio assai; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro Vivace); 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro molto).... Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

British Interests In China Discussed In Commons

MR. I. C. HANNAH (Cons.) asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday whether he had yet received a report regarding the declaration of the chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association that no leniency should be shown anybody selling British Goods, and what action has been taken in the matter.

Mr. Anthony Eden replied that the report received indicates no evidence that the sale of British goods in Peiping has been affected by the activities of the Anti-British Association.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) asked whether Mr. Eden was aware that all shipping services except Japanese between Shanghai, Ningpo and other Chekiang coast ports were banned by the Japanese authorities on the alleged ground of military necessity, to what extent British shipping companies were affected and what action had been taken.

This, he said, was arbitrary discrimination against British trade.

Mr. Eden said that by proclamations on July 15, 1940 and August 10, 1940, the Japanese naval authorities prohibited the entrance of ships of any nationality into certain specified areas along the China coast, including ports in Chekiang province.

Rights Reserved

Since then British shipping to Chekiang ports had been practically suspended.

All British rights had been formally reserved and representations made to the Japanese authorities regarding interference with British shipping.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne asked, in view of the fact that any alleged necessity for military reservation at the time the order was made by the Japanese had now passed to a great extent, owing to the course of the war in China, could not the Foreign Secretary make more energetic representations?

Mr. Eden: "I am in entire agreement with the member's premise of the situation. This is all wrapped up in the general position with Japan."

"THE JAPANESE HAVE COMPLAINED TO US ABOUT ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS WHICH THEY ALLEGED WE HAVE IMPOSED ON THEM AND THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE REPLY UNTIL THESE MATTERS ARE SETTLED—WE CAN DO NOTHING TO HELP THEM."

Currency Policy

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne asked the Foreign Secretary whether he was aware that under the policy of the Japanese Asia Development Board, all Japanese yen currencies are to be gradually excluded in private and commercial transactions between North and Central China.

He also asked, whether in consequence of this policy, the Chinese national currency and sterling would be prohibited and what steps was he taking to prevent this interference with freedom of trade.

Mr. Eden replied the British Government was aware of the restrictions placed by the Japanese on the use of the Chinese national currency in areas occupied by them; and frequent protests had been made to the Japanese Government about the injury caused to British interests.

Aid To China

"I also remind the member of the financial assistance given by the Chinese Government in support of the Chinese national currency."

"Sterling is not one of the currencies in use in China and the question of prohibition does not arise."

Professional blood donors supplying Paris hospitals have threatened a strike unless an extra food ration is immediately forthcoming.

Donors supply about 400 quarts monthly, contend that promised extra rations of 4 lb. meat, 1 lb. sugar, 1 lb. fat are essential.

WOMEN OF FAMILY SQUABBLE

A fight between four women of a family was recounted before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning when they were charged with disorderly conduct.

Lam Ngan, 40, widow, her sister, Lam Pak, 33, Mak Mok, 50, widow, and her daughter, Chau Yuk, 20, said to be the concubine of Lam Pak's husband, were all placed on a \$10 bond to keep the peace for six months.

The parties were living in separate houses. Trouble arose yesterday afternoon when Lam Pak's 14-year-old son went to Chau Yuk's home to take some clothing belonging to his father. The lad was refused the clothing and went home, informing his mother.

First and second accused went to the house and, after an exchange of words, a free-for-all started. Three were injured and needed treatment at hospital.

COASTAL STEAMER ROBBERY

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning on Wong Chu-hau, 31, for unlawful possession of \$1,840 (Chinese currency).

The money was the property of Lee Shu-kei, 34, passenger on board a British ship from Shanghai, who discovered that \$4,400, in Chinese currency, was missing from his suitcase during the trip. He informed the ship's master, who authorised a search. Some \$1,840 was found in the possession of accused. The rest of the money was not recovered.

TWELVE JUNKS ADRIFT, BURNING

Twelve derelict junks, some burning, were sighted drifting yesterday over an area stretching some eight miles from the shore between Hutung and Hai Hang Bay, at Chi Lung Point, Bias Bay, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., according to a report made to the Harbour office by an incoming steamer.

The junks are considered dangerous to navigation and mariners have been warned to keep a sharp look-out.

THEFT OF \$400 FROM MOTHER

For the theft of \$400 from his mother, Leung Ping-kuen, 17, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Major A. N. Macfayden this morning.

Accused had spent all the money except \$30 when arrested.

LOCAL SHARES

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BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1330 b.
1325/35 sa.
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H.K. Tramways \$16.70 b. \$16.90 sa.
China Lights (New) \$1.30 b.
Macao Electrics \$18¼ b. \$18½ s.

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Entertainments \$6½ b.
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10 H.K. Banks @ \$1325
15 H.K. Banks @ \$1335

CAUTION ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday, with a fairly general downdrift influenced by profit-taking slightly reversed towards the close when the market again turned steadier. Gilt-edged were about unchanged but Indians were slightly lower. Home rails were easier and Industrials a shade lower on balance. Oils were dull and tins and rubbers firmer. Japanese bonds met profit-taking on the cryptic Tokyo statement causing caution. Kaffirs followed the general trend. Wall Street was subdued. — Reuter.

THEFT FROM ARMY STORES

A quantity of electric wire and electric bulbs, valued at \$120, has been stolen from the Royal Engineers, Black Head Point, in the last two days.

LOSS DISCOVERED

A platinum wrist watch, belonging to Miss E. M. Parkes, and valued at \$250, is reported to have been stolen from No. 26, Conduit Road, between March and June 30.

S. CHINA HELD TO 4-ALL DRAW

South China football team, at present in Malaya, were held to a four-all draw by Negri Sembilan State at Singapore on Monday.

Lee Wai-tong scored a "hat trick" and Chan Tak-fai the other goal.

Following are the results of matches played to date by South China during their Malayan tour:—drew with Combined Singapore Chinese 2-2; beat Combined Singapore 3-0; lost to Combined Services 2-4; beat Combined Kuala Lumpur Chinese 3-3; beat Selangor State Team 3-0; beat Perak State Team 3-2; beat Kuala Lumpur Champions 4-2; beat Combined Ipoh 3-0; beat Penang 2-0; beat Penang Indians 4-1; beat United Services 11-0; drew with Negri Sembilan State 4-4. Goals for 40, Against 10.

Goal Scorers:—Lee Wai-tong 10, Chan Tak-fai 9, Lee Shek-yau 6, Lau Chung-sang 5, Lee Tak-kee 2, Chau Man-chi 1 and Wong Ki-leung 1.

DICK SHIM OFF TO JAVA

Dick Shim, who was pitcher for South China when they won the Baseball Championship, some years ago and who has only just returned to the Colony after an extended business visit to the United States, has again left Hong Kong, his destination this time being Java. He says he will be back shortly and if business conditions permit of his staying here for any length of time, he will take a more active interest in baseball than he had done for some time.

RECREIO BOWLS SCHEME

Club de Recreio are embarking on a scheme to give their novice lawn bowlers as much match experience as possible to nurse them for League games in the future, and to this end are endeavouring to arrange as many matches as possible, two or three rinks, with clubs who are not engaged in the League on Saturdays.

Amongst those who are taking an active interest in these friendly matches are A. A. Roza, E.A.R. Alves, P. Ferreira and A. Prata while P. Yvanovich, who plays in Third Division, gives help and encouragement in the way of advice to the budding bowlers.

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LADY UNDERGRADUATES AT UNIVERSITY ARE SHOWING MORE INTEREST IN SPORT THAN THEY HAVE DONE HITHERTO. FOLLOWING UPON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY ARE BEING COACHED AT TENNIS BY MRS. CHUI CHUN-CHUI, OF C.R.C., COMES THE NEWS THAT THEY ARE NOW TAKING LESSONS IN BADMINTON FROM THE UNIVERSITY CAPTAIN, S. L. YONG.

Amongst those who have attended "lessons" so far are the Misses Li Wai-kun, Joyce Kok, Peggy Leong, Uheng Koo, Lillian Yip, Beatrice Greaves, May Phyllis Hui, Fatima Mohideen, Peggy Ma, Daphne Ho, Jean Woo and Rosalind Cheng, and more should be heard of them when the next League season gets under way.

Offer To Coach At Clubs

It is learned that the offer by members of University Badminton Club, who won the Badminton League and most of the Colony championships last season, to coach at private clubs has not been taken up and indications are that it will be withdrawn.

It will be remembered that the University Union agreed to appoint a number of coaches, from the ranks of their leading players, when they received applications for coaches during the off season, but for some unaccountable reason the keenness which prompted the applications appear to have died down.

VALLEY GOLF RESULTS

Following are the latest results in the Happy Valley First Summer Foursomes:

SECOND ROUND
Willerton and Price received a walk-over from Bowker and Simmons.
Barry and Ahern beat Bellamy and Greaves 5-4.
MacFayden and Muir beat C. E. Moore and Lee 1 up.
Powell and Buller beat Forrest and Anderson 5-3.
Mundy and Stoker beat A. K. MacKenzie and Matthews 2-1.
Dennis and Hillier received a walk-over from R. Young and G. M. Park.
H. Smith and Greenwood received a walk-over from W. A. Stewart and T. Low.
T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat A. H. Penn and Collis 4-3.

THIRD ROUND
Willerton and Barry not yet played.
Powell and Buller beat MacFayden and Muir 4-3.
Dennis and Hillier beat Mundy and Stoker.
Low and Collings beat Smith and Greenwood at the 18th.

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HOLDERS HAVE EASY WIN IN COLONY RINKS MATCH

Two rinks and a pairs match in the Colony Bowls Championships were decided last evening when players found the greens at the various clubs rather on the slow side after the heavy rain. Play, however, was maintained at a fairly high standard and though two of the matches (one rinks and the pairs game) were one-sided, the tussle between A. Hyde-Lay (R. P. Phillips, P. A. Peckham, J. E. Henson) and E. C. Fincher (S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, A. W. Smith) was very evenly contested.

In view of the fact that almost every green was fit for play, it was surprising that more players did not take advantage of the opportunity to catch up with the programme that has been so much delayed by bad weather. It is understood, however, that a few more games will be decided this evening.

Hyde-Lay's Good Start

At Kowloon Football Club Hyde-Lay beat Fincher by 19-16.

Scoring 2 2 2 1 Hyde-Lay ran away to a comfortable lead but 4 1 1 at the next three ends brought Fincher within 1 shot of the opposing side's score.

Hyde-Lay then got going again and with 2 1 0 0 2 was 10-8 up at the 11th. From this stage onwards the game was very closely contested and scores were tied at 15-all at the 19th. Then Hyde-Lay got a four but Fincher only managed a single at the last to give the K.F.C. rink victory after an excellent game.

Holders Win Easily

Scoring at 16 ends, C. S. Roscoe's rink (R. Basa, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) holders, beat a rink skipped by E. C. Post (J. Forrest, J. Orem and J. C. S. Fender) by 26 shots to 10 at Hong Kong Football Club.

The holders scored at the first six ends, including a four at the fourth, to lead 10-0 before the Police rink replied with a singleton. The Craigengower rink then scored 1 1 3 3 1 1 1 to lead 21-1 at the 14th, but at this stage Police four scored 3 0 1 0 1 to reduce the lead to 23-6. After conceding another three Post chalked up four at the last end to reach double figures.

In the only game yesterday in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, W. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom,



Lee Tak-kee, reserve centre-forward in South China's touring football team, at present in Malaya, is meeting with great success as a right-winger.

of Kowloon Dock, beat M. A. Baptista and G. S. Ladd of Craigengower Cricket Club by 30 shots to 16 at Civil Service Cricket Club.

Baptista and Ladd started with a single but a five at the fourth gave the Dock pair a 6-2 lead. A single and a five at the 8th and 9th ends respectively gave the Valley pair a 11-8 lead, this being the last time they held the lead.

Williamson and Thom then registered a six and a three, while the opposition were only able to follow with three singles.

The Dock pair then scored 5 2 1 3 1 1 to lead 30-14 at the 20th. Baptista and Ladd scored a two at the last. The Dock pair scored at 11 ends.

BIG RINKS GAME IS POSTPONED

The Second Round game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship between rinks skipped by U. M. Omar and A. M. Holland, which was abandoned last Sunday after only three ends, and which was to have been continued to-day will be played on Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

Omar's rink (A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and B. W. Bradbury) are leading A. M. Holland's four (W. L. Walker, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie) by 4 shots to 1.

MORE SUNDAY MORNING CRICKET

Following on the cricket match between University and Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam last Sunday morning, it is understood that a Combined Schools' team will be "asking for a game" from University in the near future—as soon as the examinations are over.

Damage done by the typhoon threat to the Colony on Monday included the wreckage of part of the corrugated iron fencing round the Kowloon Football Club ground and some "slight disfigurement" to the baseball stand at Chatham Road. Fortunately, however, in neither case was the damage very great.

FISHING ONE WAY OF MAKING USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

A local sportsman, who for reasons of his own does not desire his name mentioned, has struck upon a happy plan to spend the prolonged evenings as the result of daylight saving.

Paying a visit to one of the native shipyards in Shaikwan village he managed, after much haggling and bargaining, to place an order for a 14-foot sampan, complete with compartments for the storage of fish (he hopes to catch quite a few), for the princely sum of \$80.

A visit to a second-hand engine dealer's was next on the programme and for a mere song he

acquired a marine engine of about 1½ h.p.

The result, he hopes, should be quite a comfortable "yacht" and as a precaution against the engine failing any time, he has also equipped the boat with a sail and will also ship a pair of oars whenever he goes out in her.

He has kept the day of the launching a dark secret but information received indicates that the great event will be held during the week-end when, to the accompaniment of fire-crackers and great celebrations, the worthy vessel will put to sea.

13 CLUBS ENTER 1st DIVISION

THREE NEW CLUBS HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, ENTRIES FOR WHICH CLOSED ON MONDAY.

The new clubs are Combined Royal Artillery, Laneford Club, and Tung Yee Club.

In First Division of the League 13 clubs have entered, and of these Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers are newcomers. Royal Artillery entered the Senior Shield Competition last season and were beaten by Eastern in the First Round, while Engineers have figured prominently in Second Division for a number of years.

In Second Division Laneford, Royal Artillery and Eastern are the new applicants. Royal Artillery were represented last season by 30th Battery.

Newcomer to Third Division Tung Yee.

Following are the clubs who will be taking part in the various divisions, club secretaries and divisions in which they are entered are in brackets:—

Sing Tao Sports Club (T. Y. Poon, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Royal Navy (Comdr. H. C. Millett, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Royal Air Force (Secretary not yet appointed, 3rd division).
Royal Scots (Lieut. McBeil, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Police (N. B. Fraser, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Royal Corps of Signals (Lt. T.

CHUNG HWA LEAD R.E. 13 TO 9

The League baseball game between Chung Hwa and Royal Engineers at Chatham Road yesterday had to be called off on account of darkness at 8.30 p.m., when the scores stood in favour of the Chinese by 13 runs to 9 at the end of the sixth inning.

The game was delayed by the non-appearance of the official umpire.

Chung Hwa started well and scored six runs on two hits in their initial inning, and by the third had increased the lead to 12-2. Royal Engineers rallied in the fifth, when they scored six runs and at this stage were playing good baseball.

The biggest hit was by Taylor, who hit a two-bagger.

V.R.C. TRIAL TO-NIGHT

Victoria Recreation Club are holding a trial this evening at 7 p.m. to select their team for the swimming gala against Lai Tsun on Saturday, July 12.

Patterson, M.B.E., 2nd and 3rd divisions).
Combined Royal Artillery (Lieut. H. G. Camp, R.A., 1st, 2nd and several teams in 3rd division).
Kwong Wah (W. J. Brown, 1st and 2nd divisions).
R.A.M.C. (Pte. F. E. Florence, 3rd division).
Hong Kong Football Club (E. L. Strange, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Middlesex Regt. (Capt. C. M. Man, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Kowloon F.C. (A. E. Eastman, 1st and 2nd divisions).
Tung Yee (Sze Po-wai, 3rd division).
R.A.S.C. (S.Q.M. S. G. Wood, 2nd and 3rd divisions).
Kit Chee (Sung Che-yin, 2nd division).
Royal Engineers (L/Sgt. Whelan, 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions).
Shell Sports Club (D. E. dos Santos, 3rd division).
Eastern (Sze Po-wai, 1st and 2nd divisions).
St. Joseph's (C. A. Goldenberg, 1st division).
South China (Charles Ying, 1st and 2nd divisions and probably 3rd division).
International Athletic Club, who have been playing in Third Division for the past two years, have not sought re-affiliation.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following are to-day's Fourth Division League Tennis fixtures and some of the teams:—

A.T.C.	v.	C.R.C.
P.O.R.C. (1)	v.	P.O.R.C. (2)
J.R.C.	v.	C.C.C.
F.C.	v.	S.O.A.A.
C.B.A.	v.	K.I.T.C.

J.C.A.A.—C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau; W. H. Mok and P. Y. Kwok; K. C. Wong and S. L. Chung.

C.B.A.—T. Tomashewsky and D. T. Smith; N. Whitley and V. C. Bond; B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert.

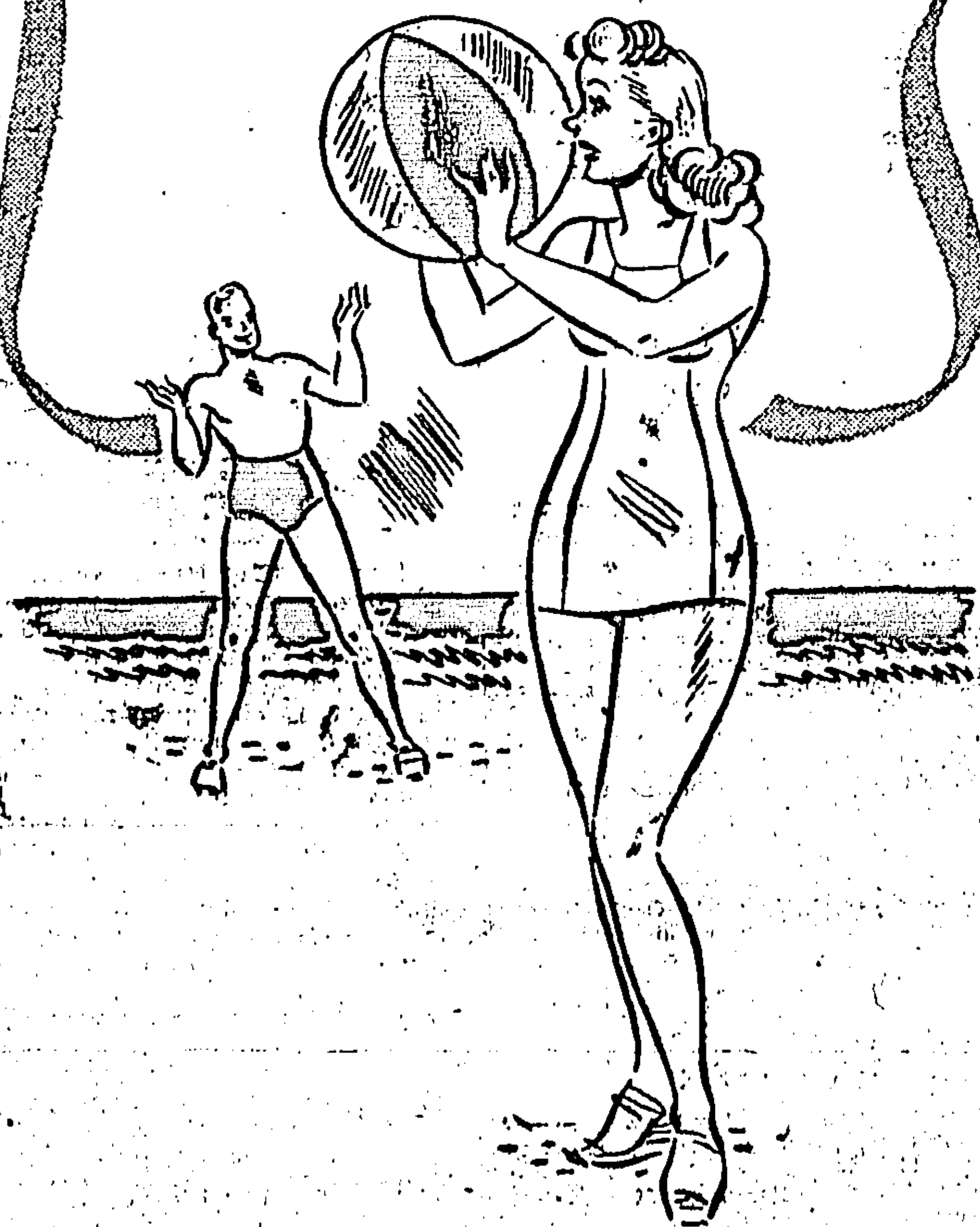
C.R.C.—T. M. Wong and T. Y. Liang; L. N. Tsang and T. J. Choi; C. Y. Tso and Chan Yiu.

I.R.C.—M. Hassan and K. Nazarin; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; G. Singh and A. J. Sufiad.

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SATURDAY'S BOWLS TEAMS

Following are some of the League Bowls teams for Saturday:

CLUB DE RECREIO
Recreio "A" (Away) v Craigengower "A" (4 p.m.)

J. A. Lus, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).
F. X. Soares, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip).
Recreio "B" (Home) v Kowloon Bowling Green (4 p.m.)

D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto (Skip).
F. A. Machado, A. F. Noronha, J. C. Remedios and C. M. Silva (Skip).

C. F. Van, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and P. Guterres (Skip).
Recreio "C" (Away) v H.K. Cricket Club (4 p.m.)

A. J. Okumud, A. V. Barros, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (Skip).
E. L. Barros, L. A. Rozario, A. P. Pereira and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

G. A. Ribeiro, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).
Recreio "D" (Home) v H.K. Cricket Club (4 p.m.)

F. Sequeira, F. X. Monteiro, A. A. Roza and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).
C. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves, H. M. Xavier and M. Pinna (Skip).

R. A. Campos, P. Almeida, M. Mendonca and H. R. Pinna (Skip).
KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB
Second Division—v H.K.F.C.

(At Valley, 4 p.m.)
W. Naei, J. Eastman, C. Downman and E. Kern (Skip).

B. D. Evans, A. Dard, V. Chittenden and W. C. Simpson (Skip).
A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, V. Allenza and P. Younghusband (Skip).

Third Division—v H.K.F.C. (At Home, 4 p.m.)
G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. Ogden (Skip).

B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and T. Fergusson (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).

Reserves: J. Gibson, L. Bones, J. Dobson and L. Mullett.
KOWLOON B.C.C.

"A" First Division (v K. Docks (At 4.30 p.m.) Home)
W. L. Walker, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde and A. M. Holland (Skip).

H. Lockhart, H. White, R. Duncan and A. J. Hall (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, E. Levett, H. E. Drew and J. McKelvie (Skip).

"B" First Division (v Recreio "B" (At 4 p.m.) Away)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, L. Sykes and P. A. Peckham (Skip).

A. Morton, E. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip).
H. Spang, G. W. Elphick, A. Bower and L. Coo (Skip).

Third Division (v C.C.C. (At 4 p.m.) Home)
J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).

W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. E. F. Thomson and C. Wallis (Skip).
C. E. Lansley, S. C. Walker, J. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).

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KOWLOON TONG
Second Division (v K.C.C., Home)
A. Madar, J. Tang, A. E. Castro and A. J. Kew (Skip).

N. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip).
H. Gittins, H. Castro, W. J. Howard and A. Spary (Skip).

HONG KONG C.C.
Second Division (v Club de Recreio, Home)

S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip).
G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip).

R. R. Davies, R. A. Edwards, A. K. Mackenzie and A. W. Brown (Skip).
Third Division (v C. de R., Away)

H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, P. S. Cassidy and E. S. Abraham (Skip).
D. J. Valentine, E. S. Doughty, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (Skip).

B. J. Lacon, P. Morrison, E. Hospes and P. J. A. Hamilton (Skip).
Reserves: G. W. Sewell, W. R. Lambert and R. J. Shrigley.

CRAIGENGOWER
First Division (v Recreio "A" At C.C.C. At 4 p.m.)

J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).

A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset (Skip).
Second Division (v Prison Officers' At Stanley At 3.30 p.m.)

Y. A. Razack, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmermann and T. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, M. J. Medina and W. K. Way (Skip).

G. S. Ladd, M. A. Baptista, W. Ward and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).
Third Division (v Kowloon Bowling Green Club At K.B.G.C. At 4 p.m.)

F. X. Delgado, R. K. Pavri, Dr. C. W. Lam and H. W. Randall (Skip).
L. M. Roza, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks and A. J. Coelho (Skip).

W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, A. Kitchell and D. A. Rozario (Skip).
HONG KONG F.C.

Second Division (v Kowloon Football Club, Home)
J. S. Howell, C. G. Solis, W. Gill and J. A. R. Selby (Skip).

A. Watson, J. Gallix, C. Needham and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, H. V. Pearsé, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (Skip).

Third Division (v Kowloon Football Club, Away)
B. I. Blackford, C. Carr, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (Skip).

K. Morrow, F. Filpance, C. B. Robertson and G. S. Graver (Skip).
A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Rinkton (Skip).

Reserves: A. B. Coleman and J. M. Thomson.

TWO SUCCESSES FOR HIS MAJESTY AT FIRST COUPON ASCOT MEETING

(By Reuter's Sport Commentator.)

ALTHOUGH NOTABLE FEATURES, LIKE THE FASHION PARADE AND THE ROYAL DRIVE DOWN THE COURSE, WERE MISSING, THE SUBSTITUTE ROYAL ASCOT MEETING AT NEWMARKET YESTERDAY RETAINED ITS ROYAL ASPECT SINCE HIS MAJESTY THE KING GAINED A TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR "DOUBLE."

The expectation that His Majesty has a great chance of winning the Derby and the Oaks next year was strengthened when his horse Big Game won the Coventry Stakes and his entry Sun Chariot carried off the Queen Mary Stakes for fillies, thereby virtually establishing themselves as the outstanding two-year-olds.

Not since Limelight won at Ascot for the late King George V have there been such enthusiastic demonstrations.

The cheering and handclapping began when His Majesty's colt was 1½ furlongs from home. Sun Chariot, daughter of a former Derby winner, Hyperion, got home in a thrilling finish to beat Glaneley's Perfect Peace by a head in an exciting climax to a hard-fought race. There was no cheering until the number went into the frame owing to the uncertainty of the result.

This is the first time for many years that the Royal colours have

been twice successful in the same afternoon, and represented His Majesty's eighth success this season.

Harry Wragg, who rode both winners, also rode Sir Hugh Cuncliffe Owen's Finis (4 to 1) to victory in the Gold Cup over 2½ miles, beating Dorothy Paget's Oildon (8 to 1) by a head, with Winterhalter (7 to 2) only a neck behind.

This was the first "coupon" Ascot and, judging by the sober atmosphere of the meeting, no one would have imagined it to be Gold Cup day. Fewer women were seen, and it was obvious that none of them were willing to waste precious coupons on a special Ascot outfit which would have cost 16 coupons. Fewer toppers and morning coats were seen and motorists evidently heeded the warning against petrol waste, for there were less than 500 cars in a park that would have taken 2,000 cars.—Reuter.

SCALZO LOSES HIS TITLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Richie Lemos, 21-year-old Los Angeles Mexican fighter, won the world's featherweight title on Tuesday night when he knocked out Pétay Scalzo in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.—International News Service.

Scalzo had held the title for 13 months.

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament, Middlesex "A" beat Middlesex "B" by seven clear goals at the "Y" pool last night. Burde (2), Ure (2), Burdon, Jennings and Jones were the goal-scorers.

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Statement Does Not Carry Situation Further

BURMA-CHINA RAILWAY PROJECT

Mr. Strickland, in charge of the Kunlong border extension, has arrived at Lashio with a staff for the construction of a telephone line along the railway project. Other engineers from England and America are expected.—Reuter.

SOVIET NEEDS IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is learned in Washington that the Soviet is anxious to purchase \$100,000,000 worth of American materials to bulwark its defence industries.

Federal agencies in the U.S. were said to be prepared to release \$10,000,000 worth of machinery immediately after the Soviet Ambassador's appeal was referred to the Office of Production Management by Mr. Sumner

Japanese Press Urges Boldness

NO AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LONDON REGARDING THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF POLICY ENUNCIATED YESTERDAY MORNING, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

Obviously the statement will require careful study and consideration. In the meantime there seems to be a certain lack of any clearly formulated policy as the statement does not seem to carry the situation much further, or clarify the immediate intentions of the Japanese Government.

Welles, Under-Secretary of State. Amtorg, the Russian trading company, wants oil drills, forging and pressing implements, electrical devices, and machine tools, previously held up under the export control and lying in storage in West Coast warehouses.

The Russians can buy only limited machine tools as the U.S. has hardly enough to operate its own defence industries.

At present, nearly a dozen Russian ships are in American ports waiting for materials and nearly \$50,000,000 worth of assets are in the U.S. ready to pay.—International News Service.

There seems little doubt that the statement is not unconnected with the recognition of the Nanking government by Germany and her Axis satellites.

Simultaneously, the action taken by these states, at this particular juncture, suggests that the move was prompted by Japan.

If Germany has, therefore, acceded to the Japanese request, it is probable that some quid pro quo is expected.

WHAT SHAPE IT WILL TAKE MUST BE A MATTER OF SPECULATION—IT IS NOT DISCLOSED BY THE JAPANESE STATEMENT OF POLICY.—REUTER.

Demand For Boldness

While commending the authorities for the quick decision on Japanese policy to cope with the new international situation arising from the Russo-German war, the "Nichi Nichi" and "Hochi" stress the burning question now is whether the Japanese leaders are prepared to display the requisite degree of resolve, expedition and determination to translate the programme into deeds.

The "Hochi" says the Russo-German bombshell is an even more sensational shock than the announcement of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact.

It says the need for boldness is apparent since Japan is now virtually isolated from her Axis ally and consequently Japan must rely upon self help for a solution of the crisis.

The "Yomiuri," discussing the Anglo-American reaction to developments, says the U.S. has sufficiently clarified its attitude through brazen acts of war such as aiding General Chiang Kai-shek, closing the Panama Canal and strengthening warlike preparations from Singapore to the N.E.I. and Australia.—Reuter.

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DEATH

WONG—On 3rd July, 1941, at 6.30 a.m. at Tai Wo Hospital Miss Joan Wong, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Pang Leuk. Funeral will take place to-morrow July 4, at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam leaving Anderson's Funeral Parlour at 4 p.m.

MOSCOW'S CONFIDENT TONE

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"In the direction of Dvinsk, in the second half of the day, big battles were engaged between our troops and the enemy."

"In the directions of Borisov, Slutsk and Bobruisk, severe fighting took place during the day between our troops and enemy mobile units."

"ATTEMPTS BY THE ENEMY TO BREAK THROUGH ARE BEING FRUSTRATED BY THE STUBBORN RESISTANCE OF OUR TROOPS AND THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS OF OUR AIR FORCE."

"In the direction of Luck our troops continue engaged in stubborn and intense fighting."

"The enemy continues the attempts to penetrate to the south east but everywhere his efforts are breaking as a result of the firm and stubborn resistance of our troops."

Heavy Blows

"Our air force delivered during the day a number of devastating blows against enemy tank units in the Luck sector and bombed Bucharest, where they blew up the arsenal."

"Warships and fleet air arm units of the northern fleet are supporting the Red Army troops by severe blows against enemy troops."

"Fleet air arm planes shot down five enemy aeroplanes in combats."

"IN ONE SECTOR MANY GROUPS OF ENEMY TANKS CONCENTRATED. SOVIET TANKS WERE SENT AGAINST THEM AND ATTACKED THEM AS THEY ADVANCED ON A ROAD THROUGH A FOREST WHICH PREVENTED THE TANKS FROM TURNING."

"Victory depended exclusively on speed and resolution."

"The leading tank under Sub-Lt. Verenkov opened fire. Three Fascist tanks were put out of action."

Hundreds Of Tanks Destroyed

"The enemy, taking advantage of damaged tanks, retired at maximum speed. During this fight one of the Soviet tanks was lost."

"IN COMBATS WITH GERMAN MECHANISED UNITS CUT OFF FROM THE INFANTRY IN THE WESTERN REGIONS OF WHITE RUSSIA, OUR INFANTRY UNITS ARE DESTROYING HUNDREDS OF ENEMY TANKS."

"The soldiers of one infantry regiment, in addition to artillery and tank traps, used successfully to destroy tanks, bottles containing an inflammable substance."

"One group commanded by Capt. Morozol destroyed 16 enemy tanks in three days' fighting."—Reuter.

Leningrad Defence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Vichy news agency reported yesterday that the German and Finnish forces have reached the Leningrad-Murmansk railway near the White Sea and that traffic on three other railways leading to Leningrad has been interrupted by incessant air attacks.

The Leningrad area, it claims, resembles a besieged fortress.

Leningrad radio yesterday appealed to civilians to build a chain of forts round the city, and more than 100,000 responded.

Pruth Line Holds

Confirming that Russian forces have evacuated Lwow, the Red High Command announces that the German-Finn offensive in the Karelian Isthmus, 70 miles from Leningrad, has been repulsed.

STOP PRESS

Cabled advice has been received by the local offices of Buttenfield & Swire, of the death in Scotland of Mr. John McGavin who was for many years the Company's Superintendent Engineer in Hong Kong.

As a mark of respect, the Hong flag is being flown at half-mast to-day.

German residents in Chungking gathered at the German Embassy yesterday when they discussed measures for withdrawal from China in view of the severance of diplomatic relations between China and Germany.

It is understood that there are about 300 Germans in the interior of China.—Central News.

The following answers were given by the Hon. Financial Secretary to questions by the Hon. Mr. Lo Man Kam in Legislative Council this afternoon:—

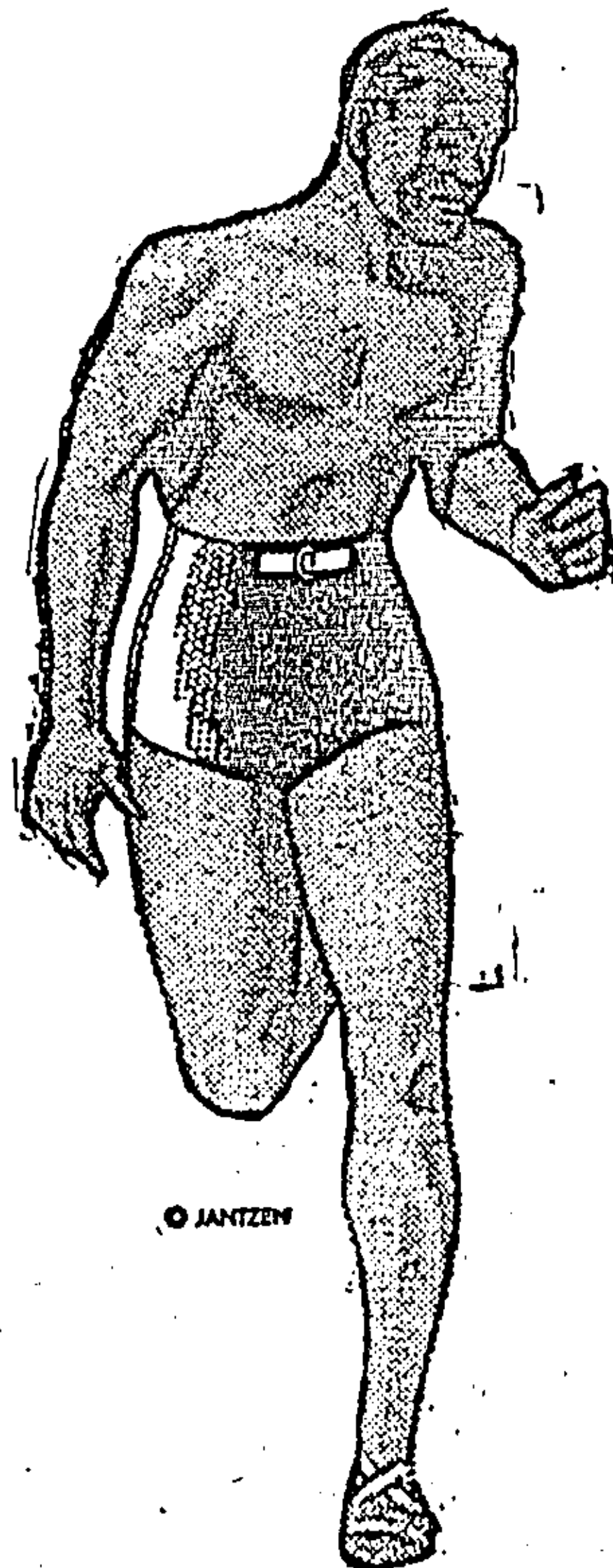
The staff requirements of the War Taxation Department originally included six Assessors' posts, for the holders of which chartered accountants or persons with equivalent qualifications were needed; this number was subsequently increased to seven.

Endeavours were made throughout last year by the Crown Agents for the Colonies to recruit such for these posts but they were unable to fill them all. Eventually the name of a woman who possessed the required qualifications was put forward and her appointment was approved by the Governor.

It is unnecessary to expatiate in this Council upon the supreme importance at the present time of the fullest possible collection of revenue, and especially of that earmarked for war-purposes; and the desirability that the administration of the War Taxation Ordinance, which is a complex and technical measure, should be in expert hands is equally apparent.

It was well-known in the Colony that Government intended to engage a number of chartered accountants for work in the War Taxation Department. No inquiries from such persons were received locally, however, and it was not considered worth while to advertise within the Colony.

There was no reason to suppose that any of the evacuees to Australia had the required qualifications.



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